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"The single best thing that's ever happened is the video cameras in the cars." - UPD Sgt. Greg Heitkamp



Recording the actions of suspects and police officers, all Ukiah Police Department Patrol cars have dash mounted video cameras that can later be used if there is a dispute. Along with the camera is a small screen where officers can observe what the camera sees.

Cameras reduce complaints, help both sides in court

By BEN BROWN The Daily Journal

all on tape.

They see you when your speeding, they know when you've had too much to drink, and because of cameras mounted in every patrol car, the Ukiah Police Department now has it

"They're one of the most valuable things we have in the car," said UPD Capt. Trent Taylor.

In addition to creating a record of the suspect's actions, cameras also record the officer, decreasing the number of instances in which officers are accused of misconduct, Taylor

"There's been a reduction in the number of complaints," he said.

UPD Sgt. Greg Heitkamp said arrest videos allow him to stand behind his officers when they are falsely accused of misconduct.

"There's accountability," he said. "The single best thing that's ever happened is the video cameras in the cars," Heitkamp said.

The videos can also be used for training purposes when they show an officer doing everything right, Taylor

The cameras are mounted on the dash of the patrol vehicle and point out the front windshield. The cameras come on as soon as the overhead lights are activated, or manually by the officer in the car. Each officer wears a receiver that transmits sound to go with the image.

The first cameras were installed in 2001 and were VHS recorders that ran constantly while the cars were in operation, creating an enormous log of tapes.

"It was a logistical nightmare," Taylor said.

In 2005, the VHS recorders were replaced with digital recorders that save the video on a hard-drive in the

patrol car. The videos are uploaded wirelessly to a secure server at the UPD station. From there the videos can be accessed on computer.

"I can call up any incident on the server," Taylor said.

Videos can be burned to CD and turned over to the prosecution and defense attorneys to help with crimi-

"Sometimes I get 30 or 40 requests a week," Taylor said.

Deputy District Attorney Brian Newman said videos taken by police cameras are an invaluable tool for prosecutors. Officers commonly take the stand to describe a suspect's actions but it doesn't have the same impact as when you show them, Newman said.

"When you can show a person staggering around, it's not just no reasonable doubt, it's no doubt," He said. "A picture is worth 1,000 words," Newman said.

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SPECIAL ELECTION 2007

Wharff details estimated costs

By KATIE MINTZ The Daily Journal

Just what does an election cost the county?

According to Mendocino Assessor-Clerk-Recorder Marsha Wharff, the figure depends on the number of contests on the ballot, and the jurisdictions they are sponsored by.

"Every election is different," Wharff said.

This week, she explained to The Daily Journal how her office computed the estimated \$150,000 cost the county stands to incur from the District Attorney Special Election set for April 3.

"When we make an estimate, we base it on what past elections have cost us,' Wharff said. Here's how the \$150,000

breaks down: • Sample and official bal-

lots: \$60,000 According to Wharff, 63,750 ballots have been

Wharff ordered for the special election. That's 3,250 less than were ordered for November general election.

"We can order less for a special election because the turnout is generally less," Wharff said. "We base our orders on what we believe we're going to need."

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SPOTLIGHT ON MENTAL ILLNESS

New superagency seeks to repair system cracks

By FRANK HARTZELL ort Brand Advocate-News

FORT BRAGG - The mother of the man accused of making a bomb threat that closed down the county courthouse made an impassioned public plea for better services for people who have a "dual

diagnosis." Tracy Howson told a horror story in which her son sought help but instead fell through the proverbial cracks, a tale that a gathered group of families of the mentally ill and local nonprofit leaders found all too familiar.

"My son is in jail for the bomb scare right now because he didn't have anyone who would listen to his pleas for help. (Mendocino County Department of) Mental Health said he wasn't a client anymore. This is a person who is mentally ill who can't go to Mental Health for help,' Howson said.

Howson's example of the difficulties facing those who have been diagnosed with

mental illness and drug or alcohol abuse was nicked as the top problem facing the giant new county agency that covers both public health and mental health.

For Health and Human Services (HHS) Director Ana Mahoney, the gathering at the Department of Social Services' Fort Bragg office was the 14th community meeting in a traveling roadshow designed to help the county partner with communities on solutions Mahoney promised to be "transparent and inclusive." Potter Valley, Round Valley and the Anderson Valley were recent

The meeting input is expected to be formed into priorities by the end of the month with action groups then being formed and Mahoney using that input to influence the county budgeting process.

The local event was co-HHS, sponsored by Mendocino Coast Clinics, Inc.

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College financial aid plans can get complicated say experts

The Daily Journal

Going to college? Don't hesitate to learn all the particulars about a postsecondary education well in advance of the day you plan to step on campus, suggest those who have done their home-

work. A recent survey by Next Step Magazine found that almost 30 percent of parents waited until their teen's junior year of high school before mapping out a plan for col-

lege.
"Which is too late," states the sur-

And while some would argue it's "never too late," at Ukiah High School freshman students are encouraged to talk to their counselors and create a four-year plan which outlines the student's general goal, whether it be to attend a twoyear college, a four-year college, or a trade school, for instance.

"And then we create a rough academic blueprint that will get them to where they want to go," Ukiah High School Dean/Counselor, Marcia Sandler said. She also encourages parents to find out about how the

system works, as far as financial aid, well before their student hits college

"It's a very complicated process," Sandler said. "It's currently a system that rewards the grasshopper and punishes the ant. When it comes to financial aid, the system takes into account what you have at the moment. You actually have a greater eligibility for financial aid if you (haven't) saved a lot of money," she

According to Next Step Magazine, half of the parents in the

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Freshman high school students and their parents should be thinking about college. Shown here, students at the University Tennessee.



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The world briefly

In Iraq, Rice says U.S. debate over war reflects doubts about democracy

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice told Iraqi government leaders Saturday that the contentious debate in Washington over President Bush's war strategy reflects U.S. doubts that democracy will prevail over vio-

"Some of the debate in Washington is in fact indicative of the concerns that some of the American people have ... if the Iraqi government doesn't do what it has said it will do," Rice said she told leaders from all of Iraq's factions.

Rice made an unannounced visit to Baghdad as the U.S. Senate deadlocked on whether to repeat a symbolic rebuke that the U.S. House handed Bush on Friday when it opposed the administration's deployment of additional combat troops to

Although Rice used her visit to publicly praise the Iraqi government's role in a new security crackdown in Baghdad, an Iraqi official said she was more critical in private.

Rice told Iraqi leaders that the Baghdad security operation needs to "rise above sectarianism" and noted that no U.S. or Iraqi forces have yet moved into the capital's major Shiite militia stronghold, the Iraqi official said.

Police: 6 young children and a woman killed in early morning fire in Pa.

WAYNESBURG, Pa. (AP) — Fire swept through a house in southwestern Pennsylvania early Saturday, killing six young children and a woman and injuring one other person, state

Several people in the house were able to escape, state Trooper Brian Burden said.

Police said the young victims were four girls ages 4, 9, 7 and 10, and two boys ages 2 and 3. Authorities said the woman was

the mother of three of the children.

Robert Husner, who was staying in the home, said Joshua Arthur Sr., the father of three of the children, woke him and the two of them tried to rescue all six children, who were sleeping in at least two rooms.

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"The flames were just too high," said Husner, 27. "I couldn't get in, there was so much smoke."

French Nazi-era collaborator dies 'peacefully in his sleep,' lawyer says

PARIS (AP) — Maurice Papon, a former Cabinet minister who was convicted of complicity in crimes against humanity for his role in deporting Jews during World War II and became a symbol of France's collaboration with the Nazis, died Saturday. He was 96.

Papon, who underwent surgery on his pacemaker at a clinic east of Paris last week, died in his sleep on Saturday, said his lawyer, Francis Vuillemin.

Papon was the highest-ranking Frenchman to be convicted for a role in the pro-Nazi Vichy regime.

The April 2, 1998, guilty verdict was the culmination of a trial that offered a painful look at one of the darkest periods in modern French history.

However, Papon — who at one point fled France to avoid prison — lived out his final years a free man, released from Paris' dour La Sante prison on Sept. 18, 2002, because of failing health.

Revelers begin packing streets of Big Easy at start of Carnival weekend

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Carnival revelers streamed into the city Saturday — and Mardi Gras organizers hoped to throw such a fantastic party that visitors would vow to return to this tourist-dependent city again.

Tourism officials expect at least as many visitors as last year, 700,000, to come for the annual celebration. It's the second time the event has been held since Hurricane Katrina struck.

"It's great, isn't it?" Kelly Schulz, a spokeswoman for the New Orleans Convention and Visitors Bureau, asked. "This is a very big deal."

Stabbing Saturday apparently over woman The Daily Journal ment, according

A woman was allegedly the source of contention between two Ukiah men who fought it out in the street early Saturday morning.

At around 3:45 a.m., Ukiah Police officers responded to reports of a fight in the 700 block of South Dora Street.

When they arrived to the scene they found the victim -a 23-year-old Ukiah man -with stab wounds to his face and the outside of his clothing, according to Ukiah Police Detective Sgt. McCutcheon.

The victim, whose name was withheld by police, originally refused medical treat-

McCutcheon. The suspect -- Ruben Antonio Rojas, 28 of Ukiah -was arrested on suspicion of

assault with a deadly weapon.

Witnesses at the scene told officers that the two men were fighting because of a relationship with a woman who is known to both men, McCutcheon said. "The fight started as mutual combat but the suspect had armed himself with a knife, unbeknownst to the victim, who sustained multiple stab wounds,' McCutcheon said.

Rojas was booked into the Mendocino C8ounty Jail. His bail is set at \$55,000.

POLICE REPORTS

The following were compiled from reports prepared by the Ukiah Police Department. To report anonymously crime information, call 463-6205.

ARREST -- Mark Richard Gregg, 48, of Ukiah, was arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence at 7:53 p.m. Friday, in the 1800 block of Elm Street.

Those arrested by law enforcement officers are innocent until proven guilty. People reported as having been arrested may contact the Daily Journal once their case has been concluded so the results can be reported. Those who feel the information is in error should contact the appropriate agency. In the case of those arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence of an intoxi cant: all DUI cases reported by law enforcement agencies are reported by the newspaper. The Daily Journal makes no exceptions.

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LOTTERY NUMBERS

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mated family contribution, and they will make up the difference in institutional aid. So you are covered," she said. "The other thing Stanford does is, if you get outside scholarships, they will reduce your loans dollar-for-dollar.

"The other side of the equation, UC Berkeley, doesn't guarantee to meet 100 percent of need, so you (may end up with) a financial aid package that has a \$2,000 to \$3,000 gap and that is after they have looked at state and federal aid, maxed you out on loans, etc., and you are still \$2,000 or \$3,000 short. So, if you look at the outcomes, the cost of attendance doesn't really indicate what the cost is you are going to have to pay. In fact, the average indebtedness at graduation, which is really the cost you pay, between Stanford and Berkeley (amounts to about) a \$1,000 difference," she said.

Next Step Magazine recommends looking at private schools.

"For some, public schools may be the better choice, but also consider that private schools tend to be better endowed, and offer better financial aid packages," Next Step states.

Lastly, Sandler said: "When you save for college, make sure the money is in the parents' name and not the student's name, because they will take a much higher percentage of assets that are listed as being in the student's name. ... It's an enormously complicat ed field and to make it more fun, they keep changing the rules."

For more information on student aid www.csac.ca.gov, or consult with a high school counselor.

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College

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survey have saved less than \$5,000 for their child's college education, regardless of the importance the parents place on a four year-degree.

Hence, financial grants, and student loans often come into play. But this is not to suggest that people shouldn't save money for college.

"If you don't meet income, assets, and GPA requirements, you can really be out of luck paying for college 'cause it's expensive," Sandler said.

Those who do meet income, assets, and GPA requirements might want to inquire about a Cal Grant. Cal Grants are state funded

cash grants given to students to help pay for college expenses and they do not have to be paid back, the California Student Aid Commission states in an article about the

Cal Grants are awarded based on academic success, according to Sandler, who said, generally speaking, if a student has a 3.0 GPA or above, he or she is guaranteed a Cal Grant -- if academic and income guidelines can be met.

Surprisingly, an applicant's income can be higher than one might expect. For example, a family of four can earn up to \$72,000 per year and still be eligible for a Cal Grant, according to Sandler.

"A lot of people think these grants are for poor people only, but they are really for low income and middle income," she said.

Applicants must also have an asset ceiling, not counting equity in a home, she said. "Assets need to be under \$55,900 and that also excludes certain retirement programs as well. ... If you go and save \$57,000 for your kid's college education, you have just taken yourself out of the Cal Grant program, that's why I say it's a system that rewards the grasshopper and punishes the ant," Sandler said.

So what's the answer? Sandler, who said she has "not seen a financial aid package come out in the last 10 years that wasn't maxed-out on loans," offered a couple of

suggestions. 'Number one, many schools will take outside scholarships and use those to reduce the loan amount. For instance, the average loan on a freshman package is about

\$5,000. If you got a \$1,000 scholarship from the Elk's Club, many schools would use that to reduce the amount of the loan at that school. ... " she

"Every year at our senior awards assembly we have students who put together \$2,000 or \$3,000 worth of scholarships in bits and pieces," Sandler said.

Next Step Magazine, too, notes that people should take advantage of scholarships. "Don't be afraid to apply to a lot of scholarships, even small scholarships. Five hundred dollars is still five hundred dollars you won't need to pay back," states the magazine.

Next Step also suggests starting out at a community college, since they are less expensive. Students can also save some money by living at home while attending a community college in their home-

town, the article states. Sandler, however, mixed emotions on this idea.

"There are pros and cons," she said. "If you can live at home, it's going to be a lot cheaper at a community college. But if you go outside of your home and you have to pay room and board at a place like Santa Cruz or Santa Barbara, a lot of the financial

incentive to go to a JC evaporates, because if you are Cal Grant eligible, a Cal grant pays for tuition at a state school," she said, noting junior colleges use a different funding stream.

"The other caveat about junior college, is the myth that you can transfer from any JC to any four-year state school. The problem is not all JCs have pre-major requirements for all majors. So the advice there is students should have a pretty good idea of where they might want to transfer and what they want to major in before they go off to the junior college," Sandler said.

And, Sandler advises, don't choose a college based on its sticker price.

"More expensive schools aren't necessarily expensive," she said.

Take for example, UC Berkeley and Stanford. A year at Stanford costs around \$50,000; a year at UC Berkeley about \$25,000 she

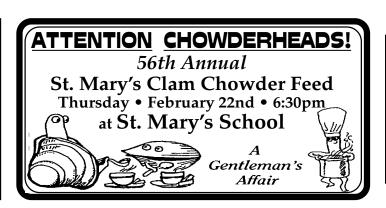
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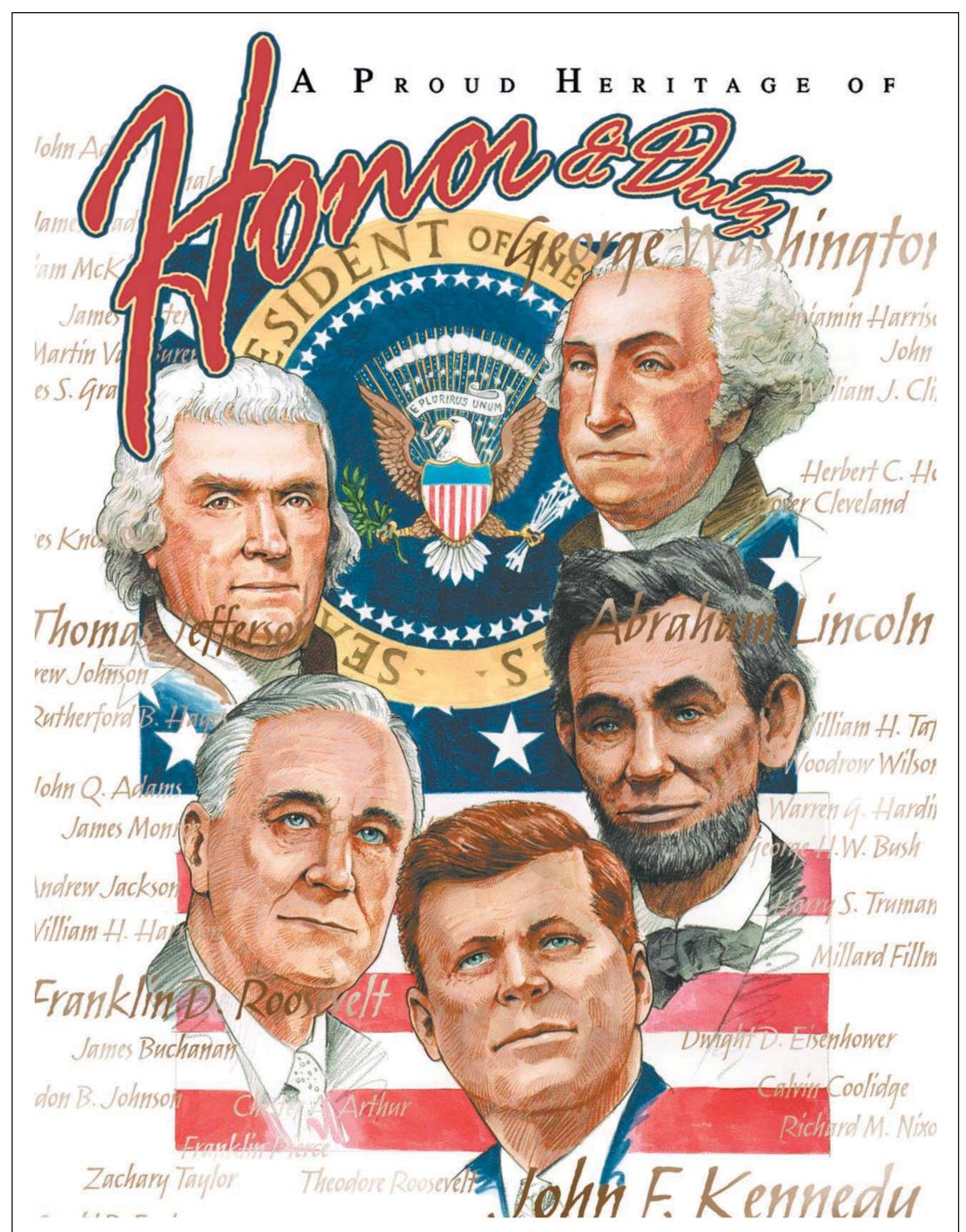
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A History of the Holiday - Monday, Feb. 19, 2007

The original version of the holiday was in commemoration of George Washington's birthday in 1796 (the last full year of his presidency). Washington, according to the calendar that has been used since at least the mid-18th century, was born on February 22, 1732. According to the old style calendar in use back then, however, he was born on February 11. At least in 1796, many Americans celebrated his birthday on the 22nd while others marked the occasion on the 11th instead.

By the early 19th century, Washington's Birthday had taken firm root in the American experience as a bona fide national holiday. Its traditions included Birthnight Balls in various regions, speeches and receptions given by prominent public figures, and a lot of revelry in taverns throughout the land. Then along came Abraham Lincoln, another revered president and fellow February baby (born on the 12th of the month). The first formal observance of his birthday took place in 1865, the year after his assassination, when both houses of Congress gathered for a memorial address. While

Lincoln's Birthday did not become a federal holiday like George Washington's, it did become a legal holiday in several states.

In 1968, legislation (HR 15951) was enacted that affected several federal holidays. One of these was Washington's Birthday, the observation of which was shifted to the third Monday in February each year whether or not it fell on the 22nd. This act, which took effect in 1971, was designed to simplify the yearly calendar of holidays and give federal employees some standard three-day weekends in the process.

Apparently, while the holiday in February is still officially known as Washington's Birthday (at least according to the Office of Personnel Management), it has become popularly (and, perhaps in some cases at the state level, legally) known as "President's Day." This has made the third Monday in February a day for honoring both Washington and Lincoln, as well as all the other men who have served as president.

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Too much spying

To the Editor:

Expanded government powers and efforts are creating a new "surveillance socirecent reports tell us the administration is opening our mail and seeking financial records without warrants.

The Patriot Act's national security letters, 215 orders and "sneak and peek" warrants continue to expose our health care, financial and other private records to unwarranted

> Gene Ulmer Fort Bragg

Safety works both ways

To the Editor:

There has been much discussion of late about the issue of pedestrians in Ukiah. Everyone should be able to freely and safely travel the local streets, both drivers and pedestrians. However, it seems to me, given what I observe on a regular basis in our fair city, that part of the problem is that many pedestrians want all the rights of the road, but none of the responsibilities.
On a nearly daily basis, I see people bla-

tantly ignoring the walk/don't walk signals like they aren't even there. Just imagine the pubic outcry if drivers just started plowing through red lights because they couldn't be bothered to wait. And then there are the jaywalkers, people in shopping center parking lots who walk right into the path of oncoming cars without so much as a glance, and those who refuse to pause even for a moment for a slight break in traffic before stepping off the curb into the cross-

And yes, that responsibility goes both ways. Fellow drivers, please don't honk your horn impatiently when I'm ahead of you, stopped at a crosswalk for a pedestrian, because you see that they've already passed me. Even after they're out of the way, it's still illegal to drive through the crosswalk until the pedestrian has made it to the other side and is completely out of the crosswalk. As admittedly ridiculous as it may be, it is the law,

Drivers and pedestrians will co-exist in peace when both sides respect each other, take equal responsibility for their own actions, remain aware of each others' presence, and don't place all the burden on "the other guy" to keep the streets safe. Let's give each other a break!

Cheryl Bunyan Ukiah

Wants action

To the Editor:

I want to take this time to thank the city of Ukiah for their forward thinking in cleaning up the creeks in the Ukiah city limits. I recently watched the CDC cleaning up Doolan Creek. I wish I could say the same for the County of Mendocino. It seems that the powers to be have turned a blind eye to the tragedies that happened a year ago.

I recently contacted the property owner of the section of Feliz Creek that flooded. Here is what he told me. "In 1993, as I recall, I engaged in an endeavor similar to the one you and Tom are sponsoring. My application was welcomed with an encouraging smile at the Fish and Game counter in Yountville. Upon review a fee was established and paid, (I believe that the fee was several hundred dollars). I was told that the lead agency was Mendocino County Planning and Building and to expect dealing with the Army Corps of Engineers. My proposal at the lead agency was not as hopeful. In fact, I got the freeway sign. Thus I am reluctant to try again." (From a letter sent to me by the owner.)

I have been on the phone with, The Water Agency, The Planning and Building Dept., The Resource Conservation and the Fish and Game Department and I have to say, it's been a great trip. This merry-goround has no end. However I see no help from anyone, everyone points a finger at someone else, it's his problem, no, wait, it's their problem. Nobody wants to take this bull by the horns, don't you just love those old sayings?

To the people of Hopland I say call David Colfax at 895-3241 and let him know that we want something done. We do not want a repeat of the flooding in 2006. If we have to we, as a community, will help do the work.

Dan Updegraff Hopland

Still stumped over form based zoning

To the Editor:

I am glad Charley Stump responded to my letter. Now let us unsheathe our words. Let the duel begin and in this public venue where the community can judge the issues for itself.

The issue here is a "form based code" as yet undefined, except that it will codify a

ON EDITORIALS

Daily Journal editorials are written by Editor K.C. Meadows with the concurrence of Publisher Kevin McConnell.

Letters from our readers In our opinion

How do they sleep at night?

expanded private sector data collection District is happy now that it has not only shut down Rainbow Construction but that ety." Not only are the FBI and Pentagon the former builders are probably going to keeping files about peace activists, but have to give up the homes they live in as

> UUSD's board of trustees and administrators ought to be ashamed of the way they have dragged out the litigation with Rainbow to the point of personal insolvency of the construction company's partners.

> Meanwhile the school district is happily using the brand new Grace Hudson School Rainbow built for it, much of it out of the construction company's own pocket. Rainbow did what it thought was right when it finished the school rather than stop work over discrepancies in the plans that kept forcing delays.

When it asked to be repaid for that work, the school district said no and the battle began. But UUSD has much deeper pockets than the former local construction company and can afford to keep paying lawyers to keep the battle brewing while Rainbow's resources have finally dried up.

As far back as 2005, Rainbow struggled through months of district waffling, agreeing to mediation and was offered a settle-

We hope the Ukiah Unified School ment of about 50 cents on the dollar of the almost \$4 million it is owed. Rainbow agreed to that 50 cents if the school district would join with them to recover more from the architects of the project, but the school district waved them away.

The fact that the school district is now looking to the architects of the elementary school to explain themselves tells us that UUSD knows that Rainbow's argument that much of the construction delay was over drawings and plans has merit - which we have believed all along.

After first putting a locally owned supermarket - Bi-Lo Market - out of business to get the land for the school, UUSD rushed into a seriously flawed school project and blamed it first on the contractor and now is looking to the architects.

Two years later, Rainbow has run out of breath, something we believe UUSD's attorneys have been counting on all along. A bankrupt former company made up of people who are worried about where their families will live now that their homes are likely to be seized is hardly an opponent UUSD needs to worry about.

We frankly don't know how UUSD and its board of education can sleep at night.



vision of what Ukiah should contain and provide for its citizenry (and tourists) and what it should look like. Such a code is to me a frightening prospect, but first let me respond to some side issues I raised and Charley responded to.

First is the stamped, colored Perkins and State crosswalk, now thankfully eroding and fading. Why it should improve pedestrian safety over the standard white striping is beyond me. The pattern looks more like ocean ripples than the stone I assume it was intended to imitate, and the colored asphalt is a sign that says: "Ukiah is trying to put on airs, but this is all it can afford.' Regarding the cost, I was told that \$40,000 was the cost of the resurfacing of the intersection, and at around \$10 per square foot at prevailing wage rates, that is a reasonable figure, without including staff design, review, and administration time. What did that add up to, Charley?

Next comes the Disneyland issue. Disneyland is a wonderful world of fantasy. Walt Disney appropriately called his architects "imagineers." His Main Street reflects an idealized yesteryear. His Tomorrowland reflected an idealized future. The past is gone, and the future turned out far different from what Tomorrowland envisioned in 1955. We must be careful not to freeze today's dreams into tomorrow's city.

We have a wonderful, small community. I feel lucky to have found it. But Ukiah has social, economic and structural deficiencies that our Community Development

Department should be focusing on today. Let's get energized on those issues first. If we repair our problems first, good "evolution" will follow, controlled by a flexible Zoning Code, which we need to prevent chaos, inappropriate location of uses, and overdevelopment in sensitive areas.

To prepare for the future is right. To try to design the future is wrong. If we do, the future will turn out to be the past. Ergo, Disneyland.

I quote: "In this day of increasing outside investment interest ... developers just want to know what the rules of the game are." It ain't no game, Charley. Development is a serious business that is based on a projected return on investment. Unless the developer sees a potential for economic benefit he'll not risk his capital, and when the potential is there in downtown Ukiah, urban development will proceed. Form based zoning won't help. It will only place another layer of regulations on what we already have. To say that it would reduce the design review process is to avoid saying it will restrict the design development process. We should invite developers and their design professionals to submit their concepts first. Let us entertain their ideas, and benefit from them, both in terms of land use and building design. What the community decides it wants today will be different tomorrow. I'll just point out that when I was young, there were no supermarkets or "big boxes."

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Anton Stadium won't be the same

Another voice BY THOMAS HINE

Anton Stadium, Ukiah's little gem of a ballpark tucked into the deepest corner of the city's west side, is about to be transformed. If you don't like surprises you may not want to read the rest of this.

As it stands right now, Anton is a charming, creaky old fashioned ball diamond built of redwood by volunteer labor in the earliest 1950s, possessing quirky features like a cramped broadcast booth on the roof, accessible only by ladder. It's a delightfully nostalgic example of a rapidly vanishing breed. If you've never seen it, my advice is that you hurry because the old girl's days are numbered -- by weeks, not months. When it's gone it'll be all gone.

And if you think Anton Stadium is going to get a facelift or makeover, you are wrong. If you think it'll be dismantled, with a more-or-less identical park being built in its place, you are only half-wrong.

Anton Stadium will indeed be demolished, right down to the dust beneath it. And the city of Ukiah, located here in the very heart of the redwood empire, and with a by now famous disregard for preservation and historical context, plans to rebuild it out of ... iron poles and sheet metal. I warned you that you might not want to read this.

Northern California ballparks are made out of wood; mobile homes and tire shops are made out of metal, right? No more, apparently, so get ready to meet your new Anton Stadium, with metal walls, metal benches, and a metal roof with no broadcast

This is no knock on the hard-working and wellmeaning people involved in Anton Stadium, the Sequel. At a recent meeting in a City Hall office, numerous local contractors and a friendly Ukiah architect rolled out their vision, blueprints and all, for the ballpark's future. Plenty of potential, plenty of pitfalls. These construction guys are a gregarious affable bunch, direct spiritual descendants of the blue collar guys who built the stadium half a century ago.

Also on hand were a handful of Ukiah locals knowledgeable about the park's past and interested in its future. Some had played at Anton Stadium in their younger years, and some had watched their kids play Pony League games at Anton as far back as the 1960s and or as recently as 2006.

These people were at the meeting because of an interest in the stadium itself or sports in general or historic landmarks or local youth activities; they were joined by one individual, perhaps an "activist," who seemed disinterested in all of that. Instead, numerous stern questions were directed at the construction guys about subjects such as the following:

- Dust generated by demolition and construction
- Number of stadium lights
- The noise (?) from stadium lights
- "Leaking" (?) stadium lights • Sun absorption on the metal stands
- Sun reflection off the metal stands • The noise generated by kids playing baseball
- The Infield Fly Rule

Just kidding about that last one, ha ha, sorta. But it will probably be added to the list of complaints brought up at the next meeting.

The contractors and city official presiding at the meeting handled the questions with facts, humor and aplomb. There was a discussion about the feasibility of adding painted sheets of plywood to the metal exterior walls, with batten-style trim. This would be a minor victory for purists. The meeting adjourned.

Later, beneath the stars on a cold winter night, a pair of old ballplayers stood in the City Hall parking lot and wondered how it came to be that a small American town surrounded by thousands of acres of trees would find itself forced to buy a new metal ballpark, and import it from China.

Hine, a longtime Ukiah resident, is one of the "old ballplayers" mentioned in the final paragraph. He works as a criminal defense investigator for Mendocino County

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SUNDAY VOICES

Peace and quiet

Doesn't it seem like the world is getting crazier - and noisier? Isn't it true that there is a proliferation of sights and sounds bombarding the senses, and fewer places to go to escape them? We live on an unsettled planet these days, where car bombings, suicide bombings, and insane acts of violence disturb us every day whether we experience them in person or watch them on TV.

It is no longer possible to hide in a cave where we might ignore the catastrophic state the world is in. Our globe is too small and the noise and craziness are too all-pervasive for us to be able to escape. Thanks to the Internet even my Buddhist monk friends living in the forest are clued in to what's going on. Other friends of mine - conscientious and caring souls - remind me that the horrible state of our planet is one we mustn't ignore. They beseech me to act and become involved in changing things. Although I agree with the need to change things for the better, I can deal with only so much negativity. To me, it seems perfectly natural to want to hide from it all. The question is, where am I going to go?

During my lifelong occupation of photojournalism I have witnessed some of the world's craziest events. First, I was caught in the insanity of Vietnam, but in more recent years I was asked to document the devastation of the World Trade Center on 9/11 and a few years later, to take pictures of the smoldering city of Baghdad the week after the initial invasion

These images, and others, have been etched in my brain. So, even if I tried, I know I couldn't escape the vision of insanity I have seen in these places some of the noisiest and craziest acts of

Sunday view BY TONY ANTHONY

violence in recent memory. But, I tell myself, that having the opportunity to witness these events must have been for a reason. For one thing, having seen the insanity of these events allows me to enjoy peace and quiet even more. And having seen some of the worst that life has to offer, there is little doubt in my mind about the direction I want to travel. It's as if witnessing such insanity has turned me around and pushed me in the opposite direction.

Moving to Northern California has helped - especially, living in idyllic Mendocino County. All of us who live here should feel grateful; we have quite an advantage being in such an environment. Also, being older than I once was contributes a certain sense of calm. I find I can content myself with doing less. Instead of running from one activity to the next, I'm finding more time to just "be" and with that, automatically, more tranquility seems to show up. It seems that the more time I find for quiet the more willing the quiet is to hang around.

It seems the secret to finding tranquility is easier than I ever thought possible. When we find where it is, suddenly we feel as if we stumbled upon life's best-kept secret. And we learn that the "big secret" is really no secret at all. The quiet is all around us - it's everywhere. It's available to all and we don't need anyone to help us find it. To experience silence

we need only to stop for awhile, shut down and relax, and let it come and fill us up.

One of the greatest feelings in the world is the one we get when we connect with this deeper, quieter, more tranquil part of ourselves. When we do, then inner peace seems to settle in as if it has found a happy home. Then a funny thing happens; the more it hangs around the greater the disparity between the inside and outside world becomes. Then the silence sitting just beneath the noisy surface of our life begins to permeates the noise more and more making our world more peaceful.

When we realize that the mind left to its own devices moves towards greater peace and happiness anyway, there's really nothing much we have to do. As soon as we take the time to listen to the silence that's inside us, the mind will follow, because that's where it wants to be.

Perhaps, stranger than anything, even during the times when I've failed at trying to locate some peace and quiet, it has eventually showed up - on it's own time and in its own way. What I now realize is this: those times when we throw up our hands in exasperation and give up, is when the silence is bound to show up. That's because "giving up" is stopping, relaxing, letting go, which allows the silence to find us.

I wonder if making our personal worlds as calm and tranquil as we can doesn't constitute doing our part in bringing peace to the planet? My answer is, it's a good beginning. If we want to change the world, first we must change ourselves

Peace and tranquility for all! *Tony Anthony is a Ukiah resident.*

ON THE STREETS

What is your favorite film?



Melissa Schat Physical therapist Ukiah

"I'd say 'The Princess Bride.' I like it because of the simple humor and dialogue.



Jacob Ford 5th grader Boonville

"My favorite movie is 'Sonic The Hedgehog.' I'm sure a lot of people haven't heard of it, because it's a really old movie. He's my favorite superhero."



Kassi Ford 3rd grader Boonville

"I like any movie about horses. I just love horses because they're pretty and fun to ride."

Other opinions

The Star-Ledger of Newark, N.J. On the candidates and Iraq

The Democratic contenders itching to replace President Bush are using the Iraq inferno as a source of rhetorical heat, but they're mistaken if they think fighting words alone will win the White House for them

It's true that Iraq looms large in voters' minds right now; in one recent poll, 65 percent of voters said the president should not send more troops if Congress votes for a nonbinding resolution against doing so.

But to be credible, Democrats need to do more than urge a pullout or chide a weak Iraqi government - as Sen. Hillary Clinton and others have - for not doing a better job of dealing with the long-standing sectarian rivalries unleashed by the security vacuum that followed the overthrow of Saddam Hussein. They need to acknowledge that Iraq might very well implode after American troops leave, exacerbating an already horrific refugee problem and causing even greater bloodshed in a country for which the United States now has a certain responsibility. Should we have taken on that responsibility? Right now, that's almost beside the

If Democrats fall into the trap of attacking the Bush administration and one another for their past votes on Iraq,

they will miss the opportunity they have right now to show they are worthy to lead. They need to drop the snarky sound bites and offer some thoughtful approaches to how to end a miserable war without exacerbating human and diplomatic costs that are already too high.

The Plain Dealer, Cleveland On Sen. Joseph Biden

Delaware Sen. Joseph Biden is a very smart guy who just can't stop talking. He also can't seem to self-censor the many, many words that race from his brain to his mouth. And that, once again, threatens his dream of being president. ...

... Speaking to the New York Observer, Biden assessed several party rivals with blithe candor. He described Illinois Sen. Barack Obama as the first black contender who was "articulate and bright and clean."

Slighting the likes of Jesse Jackson and Shirley Chisholm was tactless. But calling Obama "articulate" really hit a nerve. When applied to black athletes, activists or even politicians, the word's often patronizing, as if it's a surprise that they can speak well. Obama's eloquence is neither a surprise nor a secret.

When presidents speak, the world hangs on their every word. They have, as Biden said in another interview, "no mar-

gin for error." With his history, neither does candidate Biden.

From around the nation

The Courier, Findlay, Ohio On the new farm bill

The development of a new farm bill is still in the early stages, but some of the proposals released this week by the Bush administration are encouraging. Somebody has been listening to the farmers, at least some of the time. The headliner is that Bush wants to cut ag spending by \$18 billion over the next five years. That seems overly modest, given that the government spends over \$20 billion a year on farm subsidies. But at least it's a small step in the right direction.

More interesting is how the remaining money would be spent - or not be spent. Farmers have been complaining for years, with justification, that the richest farmers get the bulk of government farm payments. Bush proposes cutting off the wealthy - anyone making more than \$200,000 in adjusted gross income - from farm payments. ...

It would be nice to believe that the new farm bill, when it's eventually passed by Congress, will have weeded out the fluff and preserved the subsidy cuts at least, while doing more to help the family farmer and preserve the rural environment

Well, we can hope.



Jessica Chisam Med student Clearlake

"I don't really watch much TV. I work way too much, but I do like good comedies like 'Office Space."



Crysta Holman 1st grader Willits

"'Chicken Little' is my favorite movie. I like it when he loses his pants in front of everyone. It's just a funny movie."



Barry Holman Painter Willits

"I like 'Falling Down.' The fact that it shows those little things in life that aggrivate us every day makes is great."

Photos and interviews by Zack Sampsel.

The Book NOT in the Store

Columnist and news commentator George F. Will once made an invaluable comment on being a parent: People haven't spent enough time reading to their children unless they can recite the opening stanza to Dr. Seuss' children's classic "The Cat in the Hat." Alan Katz and Chris Wrinn counted on just that familiarity when they created an account of the O.J. Simpson case entitled "The Cat NOT in the Hat!: A Parody by Dr. Juice."

As their own advertising put it, "Wickedly clever author 'Dr. Juice' gives the O.J. Simpson trial a very fresh new look. From Brentwood to the Los Angeles County Courthouse ..., 'The Cat NOT in the Hat' tells the whole story in rhyming verse and sketches as witty as Theodore [sic] Geisel's best. This is one parody that really packs a punch!"Wickedly clever Dr. Juice (i.e., Katz and Wrinn) may have been, but in their wicked cleverness they forgot one small detail. They never got permission from Dr. Seuss himself.

Well, of course, the real Dr. Seuss (Theodor S. Geisel) died years ago, but he left behind a company, Dr. Seuss Enterprises, that still owns the copyright and trademarks to the works he created. Dr. Seuss Enterprises promptly dragged Katz, Wrinn and their publisher into federal court and got an order blocking the sale of the book.

Katz and Wrinn appealed to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, which issued an opinion written by Judge Diarmuid O'Scannlain. O'Scannlain first reviewed the

Judicial follies BY Frank Zotter

facts: "[T]he Cat ... continues to be among the most famous and well recognized of the Dr. Seuss creations. The Cat is almost always depicted with his distinctive scrunched and somewhat shabby red and white stove-pipe hat."

Katz and Wrinn's book used a title similar to the title of the Seuss book, depicted Simpson "13 times in the Cat's distinctively scrunched and somewhat shabby red and white stove-pipe hat" (on both the front and back covers, at least once holding a bloody glove), and, most significantly, retold the Simpson trial in the anapestic tetrameter verse (yes, that's its name) for which Dr. Seuss was famous.

As O'Scannlain elaborated, "The story begins as follows:

A happy town
Inside L.A.
Where rich folks play
The day away.
But under the moon
The 12th of June.
Two victims flail
Assault! Assail!

Somebody will go to jail! Who will it be? Oh my! Oh me!"

Not just "The Cat in the Hat" was "borrowed" by our two authors, however; there was this passage paying "homage" to Seuss' "One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish": "One Knife?/Two Knife?/ Red Knife/Dead Wife." Thus is great literature born.

The judge continued: "For the next eighteen pages, Katz writes about Simpson's trip to Chicago, the noise outside Kato Kaelin's room, the bloody glove found by Mark Fuhrman, the Bronco chase, the booking, the hiring of lawyers, the assignment of Judge Ito, the talk show interest, the comment on DNA, and the selection of a jury. On the hiring of lawyers for Simpson Katz writes:

Simpson, Katz writes:
A plea went out to Rob Shapiro
Can you save the fallen hero?
And Marcia Clark, hooray, hooray
Was called in with a justice play.
A man this famous
Never hires
Lawyers like

Jacoby-Meyers.
When you're accused of a killing scheme
You need to build a real Dream Team.
Cochran! Cochran!
Doodle-doo
Johnnie, won't you join the crew?

Cochran! Cochran! Deedle-dee
The Dream Team needs a victory."
Well, anyway, it gives a flavor of the book.

The appeals court upheld the court order barring the book from being published. Although parody is an important art form, the court said, the parody must be a play on the thing it mimics.

Katz and Wrinn, however, weren't trying to parody "The Cat in the Hat." They were parodying the Simpson case and merely traded on the familiar images of Seuss' books. That isn't parody; it's copyright and trademark infringement. Ironically, therefore, the only record of this peculiar creation can be found in the court decision preventing its publication.

Judge O'Scannlain's most important comment, though, might be an offhand footnote: "Our analysis does not take into account whether "The Cat NOT in the Hat!" is in good or bad taste. As Justice [Oliver Wendell] Holmes explained, "[i]t would be a dangerous undertaking for persons trained only to the law to constitute themselves final judges of the worth of [a work], outside of the narrowest and most obvious limits."

Of course, lots of subjects are dangerous undertakings for persons trained "only to the law" - not just matters of taste

Dr. Seuss Enterprises, L.P., v. Penguin Books USA, Inc., 109 F.3d 394 (9th Cir.1997)

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Senate gridlocks on Iraq war resolution

AP Special Correspondent

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate gridlocked on the Iraq war in a sharply worded showdown Saturday Republicans foiled Democratic bid to repudiate President Bush's deployment of 21,500 additional combat

The 56-34 vote fell four short of the 60 needed to advance a nonbinding measure identical to one the House passed Friday. Seven GOP senators broke ranks, compared with only two during an earlier test on the issue.

Democrats swiftly claimed victory. "A majority of the United States Senate is against the escalation in Iraq," said Majority Leader Harry Reid of Nevada. "As for the Republicans who chose once again to block further debate and protect President Bush, the American people now know they support the escalation" in troops.

Republicans blasted the Democratic leadership for refusing to allow a vote on an alternative that ruled out any reduction in money for troops in the field.

"There is no place for chicanery at a time of war," said Senate GOP leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky. "Even some of the president's most strident opponents know that. They know that the only vote that truly matters is a vote on whether to fund the troops.'

The White House echoed his remarks, issuing a written statement that touched lightly on the votes in the House and Senate, and looked to the coming debate over Bush's request for an additional \$93 billion for the military.

"This week's voting gave the world a glimpse of democracy's vigor. The next votes should provide unmistakable assurance of this nation's resolve in achieving success, supporting the cause of democracy and stopping terrorist forces in their ultimate aim of bringing their violence to our shores," said the statement, issued in the name of press secretary Tony Snow.

initial phase of what looms as a yearlong confrontation between the new, Democraticcontrolled Congress and the commander in chief.

Reid told reporters he would no longer attempt to win passage for nonbinding measures and would turn his attention to legislation designed to force Bush to change course. House Democratic leaders intend to do likewise.

Saturday's maneuvering occurred in an intensely political environment, both in and out of the Capitol.

The unusual weekend session sent presidential contenders in both parties scrambling to make the roll call.

One of them, Democratic Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton of New York, squeezed in a morning appearance in New Hampshire, where she told one audience, "We have to end this war and we can't do it without Republican votes."

Nine Republicans skipped the Senate session, calculating that because they support Bush's policies, their votes would not affect the outcome of the vote.

Among them was Sen. John McCain of Arizona, a presidential hopeful who campaigned in Iowa. He called the Senate vote meaningless, and told one audience the symbolic measures are "insulting to the public and the soldiers."

At least two Republican lawmakers chose to leave on an official trip to Iraq rather than remain behind for the

The nonbinding measure consisted of fewer than 100 words. It disapproved of Bush's decision to deploy more troops and pledged to support and protect the troops in the field.

Even before the House acted, Bush had made it clear that congressional opposition would not deter him from proceeding with the deployment of another 21,500 troops, designed primarily to quell sectarian violence in heavily populated Baghdad.

Already, troops of the Army's 82nd Airborne have

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- Senate GOP leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky.

arrived in Iraq. Another brigade is in Kuwait, in final training before going to Iraq. Three more brigades are ticketed for the Baghdad area, one each in March, April and May.

In addition, the Pentagon is sending two Marine battalions to Anbar province in the western part of the country, the heart of the Sunni insurgency.

Polls show strong public opposition to the war, which has killed more than 3,100 U.S. troops. Tens of thousands of Iragis have died, the majority of them since Saddam Hussein was toppled from power in the U.S.-led invasion in March 2003.

Democrats seemed eager to force Republicans into votes that might prove politically troublesome.

"They are torn between their president's policy and the wishes of the constituents, but vote they must," said Sen. Charles Schumer of New York, head of the Senate Democrats' campaign com-

But Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., said Democrats, too, were caught in a political squeeze play. He said the alternative measure pledging not to cut off funds for the troops would have drawn as many as 75 votes, but accused Reid of blocking it to protect his rank and file.

"If you have this vote, the left, the radical Democratic would eat every Democratic presidential can-

didate alive," Graham said. Democrats in both the House and Senate have said the nonbinding measures would be only the first attempt to force a shift in Bush's war policies.

In the Senate, Reid has told lawmakers he will turn antiterrorism legislation into a forum for debate over the war. He has met privately in recent days with fellow Democrats as the leadership plans its next move.

"The Senate will keep fighting to force President Bush to change course," Reid said at a news conference after

In the House, Democrats have said they will attempt to place restrictions on Bush's request for an additional \$93 billion for the military in an effort to make it impossible for him to deploy all 21,500 additional troops.

Rep. John Murtha, D-Pa., has described a series of provisions that would require the Pentagon to meet certain standards for training and equipping the troops, and for making sure they have enough time at home between deploy-

Murtha and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., said provisions designed to protect the troops.

Republicans argued the effect would be to deny troops needed reinforcements and are expected to try to block the restrictions.

In the Senate, the seven Republicans who voted to advance the measure were Norm Coleman of Minnesota,

SENATE ROLL CALL

By The Associated Press The 56-34 roll call by which the

Senate refused to advance a nonbinding resolution disapproving of President Bush's troop surge in Iraq.

On this vote, a "yes" vote was a vote to advance the resolution and a "no" vote was a vote to stop it.

Voting "yes" were 48 Democrats, seven Republicans and one independent.

Voting "no" were no Democrats, 33 Republicans and one independent.

Alabama Sessions (R) No; Shelby (R) No.

Murkowski (R) Not Voting; Stevens (R) No. Arizona

Kyl (R) Not Voting; McCain (R) Not Voting. **Arkansas** Lincoln (D) Yes; Pryor (D) Yes.

California Boxer (D) Yes; Feinstein (D) Yes. Colorado Allard (R) No; Salazar (D) Yes.

Connecticut Dodd (D) Yes; Lieberman (I) No. Delaware Biden (D) Yes; Carper (D) Yes.

Martinez (R) No; Nelson (D) Yes. Georgia Chambliss (R) No; Isakson (R)

Hawaii Akaka (D) Yes; Inouye (D) Yes. Idaho Craig (R) No; Crapo (R) No.

Illinois Durbin (D) Yes; Obama (D) Yes. Indiana Bayh (D) Yes; Lugar (R) No.

lowa Grassley (R) No; Harkin (D) Yes. Kansas Brownback (R) No; Roberts (R)

Kentucky Bunning (R) No; McConnell (R)

Louisiana Landrieu (D) Yes; Vitter (R) No. Maine Collins (R) Yes; Snowe (R) Yes. Maryland

Cardin (D) Yes; Mikulski (D) Yes. Massachusetts Kennedy (D) Yes; Kerry (D) Yes. Michigan Levin (D) Yes; Stabenow (D) Yes.

Susan Collins of Maine, Chuck Hagel of Nebraska, Gordon Smith of Oregon, Olympia Snowe of Maine, Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania and John Warner of Virginia.

All but Snowe and Specter

Coleman (R) Yes; Klobuchar (D)

Mississippi Cochran (R) Not Voting; Lott (R)

Missouri Bond (R) Not Voting; McCaskill Montana

Baucus (D) Yes; Tester (D) Yes.

Nebraska Hagel (R) Yes; Nelson (D) Yes. Nevada Ensign (R) Not Voting; Reid (D)

New Hampshire Gregg (R) No; Sununu (R) No. New Jersey Lautenberg (D) Yes; Menendez

New Mexico Bingaman (D) Yes; Domenici (R)

New York

Clinton (D) Yes; Schumer (D)

North Carolina Burr (R) No; Dole (R) No. North Dakota Conrad (D) Yes; Dorgan (D) Yes. Brown (D) Yes; Voinovich (R) No.

Oklahoma Coburn (R) No; Inhofe (R) No. Oregon Smith (R) Yes; Wyden (D) Yes.

Pennsylvania Casey (D) Yes; Specter (R) Yes. Rhode Island Reed (D) Yes; Whitehouse (D)

South Carolina DeMint (R) No; Graham (R) No. South Dakota Johnson (D) Not Voting; Thune

(R) No. Tennessee Alexander (R) No; Corker (R) Not Voting.

Cornyn (R) No; Hutchison (R) Utah

Bennett (R) Not Voting; Hatch (R) Not Voting. Vermont Leahy (D) Yes; Sanders (I) Yes.

Virginia Warner (R) Yes; Webb (D) Yes. Washington

Cantwell (D) Yes; Murray (D) Yes. West Virginia Byrd (D) Yes; Rockefeller (D) Yes. Wisconsin

Feingold (D) Yes; Kohl (D) Yes. Wyoming Enzi (R) No; Thomas (R) No.

could face the voters in 2008. Sen. Joe Lieberman of Connecticut, an independent who caucuses with the Democrats, sided Republicans on the vote.

SUNDAY NEWS SHOWS

(AP) - Guest lineup for the Sunday TV news shows:

ABC's "This Week" _ Former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney and his wife, Ann Romney; actor Michael Douglas.

CBS' "Face the Nation" Sens. Joe Biden, D-Del., and Richard Lugar, R-Ind

NBC's "Meet the Press" _ White House press secretary Tony Snow.

CNN's "Late Edition" _ Snow; Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., and Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky.; New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson; magician Penn Jillette; former Maryland Lt. Gov. Michael Steele; and Marc Morial, president of the National Urban League.

"Fox News Sunday" _ Former House Speaker Newt Gingrich and Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich.



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Housing construction falls severely

Minnesota

AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON Housing construction plunged to the lowest level in nearly a decade last month as the housing industry continued to struggle with a severe slow-

Meanwhile, wholesale prices dropped by 0.6 percent in January, the biggest amount in three months, providing pressures are easing.

Construction of new homes and apartments plunged by 14.3 percent in January, pushing total activity down to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1.408 million units, the Commerce Department reported Friday.

The decline pushed activity to the slowest pace since August 1997 with construction in January 37.8 percent try in January, depressing

The steep decline last month followed two months of construction increases which had raised hopes that perhaps the worst of the housing slump

was over. The weather was blamed for part of the setback. November and December had been unusually mild while more normal winter weather returned to much of the counbuilding activity.

However, economists said the depth of the decline showed that housing was still facing major problems after a five-year boom which ended last year . David Seiders, chief economist of the National Association Home of Builders, said that builders were slashing sales prices and offering other incentives such as upgraded kitchens and free decks to move homes.



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THE WHITE HOUSE '08

Bill Clinton uses political skills behind the scenes

By BETH FOUHY

Associated Press NEW YORK — Hillary Rodham Clinton's not-sosecret weapon — her husband, Bill — is raising cash and enlisting support for his wife's presidential bid, focusing in part on keeping black Democrats from bolting to rivals Barack Obama and John Edwards.

The former president has mostly remained in the shadows as his wife has stepped into the spotlight of her groundbreaking campaign, defining herself for voters who largely remember her as first lady.

While she campaigned in New Hampshire last week, he took her place at a County Westchester Democratic Party breakfast not far from their suburban New York home. His only mention of her candidacy was a brief "Glad Hillary decided to throw her hat in the ring."

Behind the scenes, however, Clinton has phoned major donors and hosted small fundraisers for business leaders and other backers. Next month, he will headline two major galas for her campaign in New York and Washington in which top donors are being asked to raise as much as \$250,000 each.

The New York invitation announces "THE event of this quarter! ... The first Celebratory Dinner with Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton and President William Jefferson Clinton.'

More important to Sen. Clinton is her husband's reputation as a hero in the black community — novelist Toni Morrison dubbed him "the first black president" in a 1998 essay. The New York senator will be fighting for support from a critical Democratic constituency against Obama, who is black, and Edwards, who has won praise from black leaders for his anti-poverty crusade.

The former president will take her place Sunday night at an annual gala in Albany, N.Y., honoring state black and Hispanic lawmakers. He also has reached out to black leaders in South Carolina, an early voting state in which blacks comprised 49 percent of the primary vote in 2004.

This week, Bill Clinton helped secure the backing of state Sens. Robert Ford and Darrell Jackson, who had supported Edwards in 2004. The Jackson endorsement was called into question after the Clinton campaign said it negotiated a \$10,000 per month consulting contract with Jackson.

Not only is Bill Clinton considered one of the most savvy politicians in decades, he remains exceedingly popular. A Gallup poll released this week found that 63 percent of Americans view him favorably — near his peak of 66 percent in 1997, just before the sex scandal involving White House intern Monica

Lewinsky was revealed. But with voters still mulling the notion of yet another Clinton presidency and mindful of the backlash that ensued during Bill Clinton's 1992 presidential campaign, when he described the Clinton partnership as "buy one, get one free" — the former president has so far deliberately ceded the spot-

light. "Bill Clinton is part of the campaign. You cannot look at one Clinton without really being aware of the other," said Bill Moore, a political scientist at South Carolina's College of Charleston. "It's uncharted territory, because you have a serious female candidate who's also the wife of a very divisive former president."

The Clinton touch isn't always golden.

John Matthews, another South Carolina state senator, said that while the former president had reached out to him, he's not ready to commit to a candidate.

"I think they all need to be tested a little bit, and show their capacity to sustain in early primaries," Matthews said. "I've got to listen to them all a little bit more."

Bill Clinton also has a day

He oversees a \$100 million charitable foundation that bears his name and is scheduled to travel extensively through Africa this summer to promote the foundation's work combating AIDS. During the next two months, he's completing a book on citizen activism scheduled to be published early next year.

The former president's low public profile also reflects the practical need for his wife to establish an independent identity. On the campaign trail, advisers say she must go solo — proving to voters that she has the political skills honed over two Senate campaigns to win the race on her own.

But in New Hampshire last weekend, Mrs. Clinton warmly mentioned "Bill" at nearly every turn — from joking about his love for Dunkin' Donuts to recalling his decision as president in 1998 to bomb suspected weapons sites in Iraq. She described him as a "full-time political counselor" and promised voters they'd be seeing a lot more of him in the months to come.

While analysts say Bill Clinton is indisputably an asset for his wife among most primary voters, his potential value as a general election surrogate is less clear. He's still a political lightning rod for conservatives, and the scandals that tainted his White House years — most notably the Lewinsky matter, which led to his impeachment in 1998 — remain troublesome for many voters.

"There is a lot of residual resentment among Republicans and conservatives against both Bill and Hillary Clinton, and his presence on the campaign trail would remind them of that. He would actually turn out Republicans and conservatives to vote against her in the general election," said Jack Pitney, a political science professor at California's Claremont McKenna College.

Edwards discusses health plan

By RYAN NAKASHIMA **Associated Press**

LAS VEGAS — Former vice presidential candidate John Edwards took his plan for universal health care to union-strong Las Vegas on Saturday, visiting the local branch of the electrical workers labor group to which his brother belongs.

The stop was the ninth the former North Carolina senator has made to the Silver State since he lost as Democrat John Kerry's running mate in 2004, including five times last year before swinging by again in December to announce he

was running for president. Although no seeker of the Democratic nomination has strong roots in Nevada, Edwards told about 300 people at the local office of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers that his brother Blake, a journeyman electrician, benefited from their help.

"Thank you to IBEW and thank you for what the union has done for my brother and his family," Edwards said.

The Edwards campaign is hoping his ties to the labor movement will help him gain support in the state, which has taken on new importance in the Democratic nomination calendar having recently won the No. 2 spot between Iowa and New Hampshire.

spokeswoman Bedingfield. "He has enjoyed an enormous amount of support every time he's visited."

Edwards' health care plan, which he unveiled two weeks ago, requires employers to cover their workers or pay into a fund to help them. It also mandates that health care providers decrease administrative costs, switch to using electronic records and would create a market for individuals and small businesses to shop for coverage providers.

"It creates market power for people who don't have it, competition that doesn't presently exist," Edwards

Judy Woolston, a 65-yearold housewife, said her daughter-in-law's uninsured mother required emergency \$80,000 surgery last year for lung cancer. After her daughter-in-law and husband paid out of pocket for more than three months of care, luckily, the family found a medical grant which paid the rest.

"It was a wake up call to all of us. We do like Edwards and we like what he said" but it was too early to decide on a candidate, Woolston said.

The stop was one among many in Nevada by presiden-



"His support in Nevada is strong," said Edwards' tial hopefuls as the race for the Democratic nod heated up less Democratic nod heated up less than a year before the Jan. 19 presidential caucus in Nevada.

Sen. Barack Obama of Illinois is to visit Las Vegas on Sunday, while on Wednesday, seven other announced or expected Democratic candidates, including front-runner Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, are to participate in the first candidates forum of the 2008 campaign in Carson City.

Rick DeVoe, a Las Vegas insulation installer who volunteers for a local branch of Edwards' "One Corps" movement of community service, said Edwards' health care stance is one of the reasons he supports the candidate.

Clinton failed in her health care reforms as former President Bill Clinton's first lady, he said. "They didn't get it done," DeVoe said. "Instead of taking a firm stand on what they think is right, it got so watered down and complicated that it wound up completely falling apart."

Bush pledges to work with Democrats on health care

By DEB RIECHMANN **Associated Press**

WASHINGTON — Hoping to gain support for his health care proposal, President Bush pledged Saturday to reach across party lines to reform the nation's medical insurance system so more of the 46 million uninsured Americans can afford cover-

"From my conversations with Democrats and Republicans, it is clear both parties recognize that strengthening health care for all Americans is one of our most important responsibilities," Bush said in his weekly radio address. "I am confident that if we put politics aside, we can find practical ways to improve our private health care system."

On Tuesday, five Republicans and five Democrats told Bush that they have agreed on a blueprint for increasing health insurance coverage, and want to work with him on it. The White House quickly took the lawmakers up on their offer.

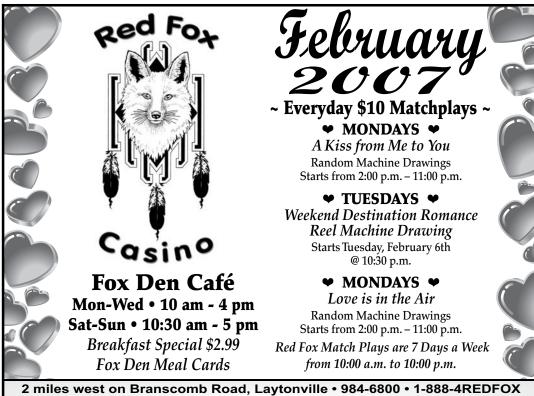
Bush has proposed a major shift in tax policy that would, for the first time, treat health insurance costs as taxable income.

"Today, the tax code unfairly penalizes people who do not get health insurance through their job," said Bush, who will visit a hospital in Chattanooga, Tenn., and meeting with health care experts at the White House next week.

"If you buy health insurance on your own, you pay much more after taxes than if you get it through your job," he said. "I proposed to end this unfair bias in the tax code by creating a standard tax deduction for every American who has health insurance, whether they get it through their job or on their own."

Bush wants a tax deduction of \$7,500 for individuals and \$15,000 for families regardless of whether they buy their own health insurance or receive medical coverage at work.

If passed by Congress, the proposal would be the first time that workers could get a tax break for medical insurance costs. But it also would be the first time that some employer-provided health care benefits would be taxed.



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TODAY'S

LOCAL

TUESDAY FEB. 20

JC softball at Santa Rosa JC noon
JC baseball at home against Shasta College 2 p.m.

FRIDAY FEB. 23

UHS boy's tennis against Kelseyville at home at 3 p.m. Mendocino College basetball at College of San Mateo 2 p.m.

COMMUNITY

UHS Winter sports awards night

The Ukiah High School winter sports awards night will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 27th at 7:00 p.m. in the UHS Cafetorium. Individual sports meet prior to that, contact your coach

City of Ukiah Men's and Women's **Basketball Leagues**

The City of Ukiah Community Service Department would like service Department would like to announce the beginning of registration for the 2007 Men's and Women's Basketball Leagues. Sponsors will be accepted into the league on a first-come first-serve basis. Irist-come first-serve basis.
Registration will be accepted through February 2nd and games begin Feb. 12. However, space may fill prior to the final deadline. All Registration forms must be submitted with the \$350 sponsorship fee prior to being eligible for placement within the league. Team roster forms and player fees (\$20 each) will be collected from team managers at the first scheduled game. Players may only play on one team in the league. The minimum player age is 18 years old. Games are scheduled for week

nights.
Registration forms available at 411 W. Clay or www.cityofuki-

ah.com.

For more information or to register your team, please call (707) 463-6714.

Special Olympics Mendocino Inland Basketball 2007

SOMIB is holding practices at Pomolita Middle School at 740 N. Spring St. Practices will be held Jan. 14, 21, 28. In February on the 11, 18, 25 and in March on the 4, 11, 18 and 25. Practice times are from 1 to 3 p.m. Please wear sweats or shorts with sports shoes for practice and make sure to bring some water. For more information call 468-

SAL "Kids Only" fun and fitness program

Mendocino Co. Sheriff's Youth Activities League (SAL) and the Redwood Health Club of Ukiah are sponsoring a "KIDS ONLY" fun and fitness program at the Redwood Health Club, on Thursday nights from 5:30 P.M. to 6:30 P.M, in Court #3, for ages years to 12 years, coed, and free of charge. Learn strength raining, gain endurance, stability and build confidence. Personal Trainers "MJ and Nick" will exhaust your kids and send them home sweaty. For more info call RHC at 468-0441 or drop by the insurance and administration fee for SAL programs, but it may be waived for cause.

Girls Youth Softball League

The City of Ukiah Community Service Department is beginning registration for a girls youth soft-ball league. Participants may ball league. Participants may register individually and will be placed on teams in one of four grade divisions: K-2, 3-4, 5-6 and grades 7-12. League play begins in early April and will run through June. The cost is \$50 per player. The deadline is March 2. Registration forms are available at the City of Illiah and at the City of Ukiah and www.cityofukiah.com. Questions? Call 463-6714.

SAL drop-in

volleyball clinic The Mendocino Co. Sheriff's Activities League has a drop-in volleyball clinic every Saturday from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Baecthel Grove Middle School Gymnasium, 1150 Magnolia St., Willits - for ages 11 years to 17 years old, co-ed, no cost, sign-up at the gym. There is an annu-al \$5.00 insurance/admin fee. But, it is waivable for good cause. Coach Jon Jessup. For more info contact Mike Tobin, SAL President at 354-0565 or home #459-0475. Were all about the KIDS first!

Parks, Recreation and

Golf commission The City of Ukiah announces there is one limited term vacancy the Parks, Recreation and Golf commission. Applicants for this position must reside within the City's Sphere of Influence and be a member of the Men's and Women's golf club. Any qualified individual who would like to make a difference in their community and is interested in serving as a volunteer for the limited term ending June 30, 2007. Applications are located at the reception counter in the reception counter in the Administrative wing of the Ukiah Civic Center, or at the Ukiah Civic Center Annex, located at 411 Clay Street, or call 463-6213 for an application to be mailed, faxed of e-mailed to you. The submittal deadline is Feb. 12 and interviews will be held and appointments considered at a regular City Council meeting scheduled for Feb. 21.

NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL | UCLA 81, ARIZONA 66

Bruins beat up on the Wildcats

By ANDREW BAGNATO **AP Sports Writer**

TUCSON, Ariz. — As a high school star, Darren Collison wanted to be

Arizona's next great point guard. When the Wildcats showed little interest in recruiting him, Collison signed with UCLA, closer to his hometown of Ranch Cucamonga, Calif.

'(The Wildcats) had a lot of great guards, and I wanted to be a part of that," Collison said. "Unfortunately, things don't always go your way, which is fine. I'm glad that I chose UCLA as of right

So are the Bruins. Collison scored 17 points and had a career-high 15 assists as the fifth-ranked Bruins whipped No. 19

Arizona 81-66 on Saturday. The Bruins (23-3, 12-2 Pac-10) defeat-

ed Arizona for the fifth straight time.

"If we continue to beat Arizona, it's going to make it even more special for me as well," said Collison, a 6-foot-1 sophomore. committed only two

Collison

By JAMES ARENS The Daily Journal

put it together.'

tie the game early 3-3.

back 5-2 early in the day.

on a close play at home.

Mendocino fielders.

would score one run of

Mendocino scored the

same amount of runs that

matched the inning num-

ber, six. Raudio was the

first to get into the action

with a double bringing in

a run and then with the

bases loaded Aaron

Parlet was hit by a pitch

to bring in another run to

give the Eagles a lead of

in the sixth with the

bases loaded off another

deep double to the warn-

ing track in left field

bringing in three runs

and again increasing the

that first game," Gordon said.

Malec got into the action again on a

double bringing in the final fun of the

inning and going into the seventh inning

The seventh inning was very easy for

Mendocino retiring all three batters in

succession and Siskiyous returned the

favor off a double play to end the inning

lead to 14-4.

up big 15-4.

Chapman came up big

11-4.

their own in the sixth.

for Mendocino.

turnovers in 35 minutes. He also hit 5-of-7 3-point shots. Collison and Co. handed Lute Olson his second-worst home loss in 24 years at Arizona, only 22 days after then-No. 4

North Carolina buried Arizona 92-64 in

The Mendocino College baseball team

completed another doubleheader against

the College of the Siskiyous on Saturday with the same result, in terms of wins, as

yesterday. The Eagles split with the

Eagles from Siskiyous. They won the first game in stunning fashion by a score

of 16-4, off of 19 hits, but lost the second,

despite a seventh inning comeback, 10-7.

Mendocino College head coach Matt

Gordon. "But in the second we just had one bad inning where we just couldn't

In the first game the Eagles from

Mendocino got superb hitting from everyone on the team and scored a quick three runs in the first inning and two

more in the second. The Siskiyous team

was able to answer in the top of the sec-

ond inning with three runs of their own to

In the first inning, Justin Malec nailed

Mendocino scored another two runs in

Mendocino shut out Siskiyous in the top of the third and then went on to score

a 3-run home run to start off the scoring

the bottom of the second to take the lead

two runs in the bottom off a base hit by

Dwight Raudio scoring Tucker Mesker

ting a nice RBI off a deep double to the

warning track in left field bringing the

score to 7-3 after the third. In the fourth

inning neither team was able to score any

runs because of great defense and pitch-

ing by Chris Mills and the rest of the

That great pitching and defense rolled over to the fifth inning where the

Mendocino Eagles wouldn't allow

Siskiyous to score. On the other side of

the plate, Mendocino added two runs to

the scoring column off a single to center

field by Travis Mather increasing the lead

inning only giving up those two runs and

Siskiyous was able to get out of the

Jason Chapman also played well get-

'In our first game we were connecting both offensively and defensively," said McKale Center.

Olson would gladly take Collison now. "I don't think there is a better point guard in America than Collison," Olson

This was the final home game for Olson's senior point guard, Mustafa Shakur, who tied Marcus Williams for the team lead with 17 points.

Josh Shipp tied a career high with 24 points for UCLA. Shipp averages 12.8 points per game but had failed to break double figures in five of his last eight

Shipp hit 10-of-14 shots from the floor, 2-of-4 from beyond the 3-point arc.

"It's definitely good for my confidence," Shipp said. "I'm a shooter. I knew I had to keep shooting to get out of this slump.'

The Bruins shot holes in Arizona's zone defense, hitting 52.5 percent from the floor and 46.4 percent from beyond the arc.

Olson blamed his players' defense, or lack thereof.

"What needs to be done is that when somebody scores a basket off you, it should hurt," Olson said. "It doesn't hurt. That is the biggest problem we have.

"It has to hurt, like somebody stuck a knife in your heart," Olson said.

MENDOCINO COLLEGE BASEBALL | MENDOCINO VS. SISKIYOUS Eagles split with Siskiyous

This loss could turn out to be a dagger for the Wildcats (17-9, 8-7).

Arizona has gone to the NCAA tournament 22 straight times, the longest active streak and the second-longest in history behind North Carolina's 27 in a row.

But with seven losses in their last 11 games, the Wildcats are not offering a very persuasive case for the selection

Arizona's final three regular-season games are at Arizona State, at California and at Stanford.

The Wildcats have dropped five home games for the first time since 1986-87. They lost a total of three games in McKale Center from November 1987 to December 1994.

Former Wildcats stars Richard Jefferson, Luke Walton and Channing Frye attended. Too bad for Arizona they couldn't play.

'We got a lesson taught to us," Olson said. "We'll see whether that pays off."

Arizona fell to 4-14 against ranked opponents over the past two seasons. The Bruins, by contrast, are 8-1 against the Top 25 this season.

The victory kept the Bruins in first place in the Pac-10, one game ahead of Washington State.

COMMUNITY

Mendocino County women's basketball

The league will begin March 6 and will be played Tuesdays and Thursday nights at the Yokayo gym through April.
Eight games will be guaranteed and all teams will make the playoffs

playoffs. playoris.
The cost will be \$250 per team and \$10 per player and all players must be Junior High or older. Team fees need to be in by Feb. 23 and teams that sign up before Feb. 23 may sign up

for open gym times.

A & B divisions may be available and there will be playoffs for each division. For more information or to register your team, call Ronnie DeSoto at 272-

Umpires needed for N. **Ukiah Little League**

The North Ukiah Little League needs umpires. The qualifications are a strong desire to work with kids. Experience is a plus but not necessary. Applicants must be 14 or older. Umpires will earn from \$15-22 each game. If interested contact Sonny Garza (707) 524-8844r (707) 467-9044.

Pony & Colt sign-ups

The Pony and Colt league will hold its 2007 signups on the following dates: Saturday, Feb. 17 and Saturday, Feb. 24 at Mendo-Lake Office Products

from 1 to 3 p.m.
Players must be between the ages of 13 and 17 on, or before, April 30, 2007. An original county-certified birth certificate is required for age verification. The cost to sign up is \$75 for the fist child and \$65 for each addition. al sibling. For more information, call Kris at 468-3800.

Mendocino College Football 2007

ball team is looking for assistant coaches for the 2007 season. Anyone interested, please contact Mendocino College head coach Tom Gang at 707-468-

Women's and Men's Softball League

The City of Ukiah's 2007 Women's Softball League begins with a mandatory coaches meeting April 19 at the Civic Center. League play will be on Tuesday and Wednesday nights. Team fees are \$450 for the sponsor and \$30 per player. Registration forms are available at the Civic Center Annex or www.cityofukiah.com. deadline is April 13. Questions? Call 463-6714

The City of Ukiah's 2007 Men's Softball League will begin March 22 at 6:30 p.m. at The Pub. League play is scheduled to begin in early May. Team fees are \$450 for the sponsor and \$30 per player. Registration forms are available at the Civic Center Annex or www.citvofukiah.com. The deadline is April 13. Player fees will be collected during the first game of the sea-son. Questions? Call 463-6714

Hopland Community Karate Kids

Winter Program: Mendocino Co. Sheriff's Youth Activities Co. Sheriff's Youth Activities League Karate Program (SAL) is teaching "Free" youth, teen and adult karate programs at the Hopland Shorin-ryu Dojo, 14200 Mountain House Rd., Hopland on Monday and Wednesday nights at 4:30 PM for ages 6 years to 12 years and at 5:30 PM for teens and adults. AL membership/insurance dues are \$5.00 annually. You do dues are \$5.00 annually. You do not have to be a member of the Hopland Dojo to participate. For more info call the SAL Voice Mail at 468-4288 or Hopland Dojo - Instructor: Sensei Jim Milone at 744-1837, and we will get back with you. All classes are co-ed. You may also register at the class/doio.

Ukiah women's softball meeting

A general meeting for the Ukiah Women's Athletic Ukian Women's Athletic Association 2007 softball sea-son will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 27 at 6 p.m. at Wright Stuff Pizza. Team dues will be \$475 with no individual fees. All teams interested are encouraged to attend. For more information please call 972-1719.



Above, Nate Maxwell gets a Siskiyous player to run back to first base. Below, Dwight Raudio runs down a Siskiyous player in a pickle.

Mendocino shut out Siskiyous again in runs in the third to take an early 7-2 lead the top of the eighth and scored another run in the bottom off a single by Mather.

That would be the last run by both teams

We hit the ball really well today in fantastic 16-4 win.

Robertson.

The second inning was scoreless for

In the second game the Eagles from Siskiyous started off much like Mendocino did in the first game scoring three runs in the first. Mendocino came back though with two runs on a sacrifice fly by Malec and a solid hit by Nick

both Eagle teams but Siskiyous changed

into left field to bring in two and the final score would end up to be a runs. But that was it for Mendocino and would lose a very close second game by a score of 10-7.

that in the third. Siskiyous scored four

had one bad inning," Gordon said. "I was

inning."

"It was like yesterday where we just

confident that if we could

have held them we would

have won in the seventh

on the burners until the sev-

enth inning where they

made a small comeback to

cut the lead to 7-5 off a

passed ball and Mather

nailed a shot right passed

the short stop to bring in

But in the top of the sev-

enth Siskiyous scored

another three runs to

increase the lead to 10-5.

And it was the final stand

for Mendocino and they

answered with a bases

loaded single by Chapman

two more runs.

Mendocino didn't turn

and never looked back.

"I was proud of how we were able to come back in the seventh," Gordon said. "But we just couldn't turn the corner. But hopefully we will start to do that soon."

The Mendocino College Eagles are now 4-7 with the split and will take on Shasta College at home on Tuesday at 2

COMMUNITY

President's Week basketball camp

The camp will start Feb. 19 to Feb. 23 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and is open to boys and girls ages 7 to 17. This 5-day fall basketball camp offers players an opportunity to build a solid sports foundation. Each day is filled with fundamental skills, progression drills, easy to understand instruction, games and fun competitions. From beginners to advanced players this camp will be a great experiece. This camp is tailor made for youth basketball players looking to improve their bas-ketball skills. The camp is held at the Pomolita School Gym. Lunch is not provided and the cost is \$125. You can pre-register at the City of Ukiah 411 W. Clay St. and walk-ups are welcome. For more information call 463-6714.

SAL boxing classes

The Sheriff's Activity League has expanded its hours and coach Cris Fischer is back. The new winter hours are Tuesday at 5:30 p.m., Thursday at 6:45 p.m. and Friday at 5:00 p.m.. Boxing classes are ongoing and all ages and levels are well. all ages and levels are wel-come. Parental signatures are needed for minors and the charge is \$5. SAL boxing classes are held at the Redwood Health Club. Questions? call Cris at 463-1229.

Puma soccer teams

looking for coaches The Ukiah Valley Soccer league is looking for individuals to coach our competitive teams. Ukiah's Puma teams are boys and girls ages U10 - U19, Class I and Class III. These players play at a higher level of competition and skill. If you have coached and are interested in coaching at a higher level, please contact the soccer hot-line 707-467-9797 to receive an application.ALL APPLICA-TIONS ARE DUE MARCH 1,

Co-ed Volleyball

The City of Ukiah Community Service Department is begin-ning registration for its 2007 Co-ed Volleyball League. Men and Women ages 16 and older are invited to register for teams of up to 12 players. All teams will play at least 8 games and one playoff game. Games are Monday and Wednesday nights starting in late March. You may register as a team or individual (you'll be placed on an available team). The cost is \$275 per team or \$40 for individuals. The deadline is March 2. Registration forms are available at the City of Ukiah, 411 W. Clay St., or at www.cityofukiah.com. Questions? Call 463-6714

Women's self-defense classes

The City of Ukiah Community Services Dept. would like to announce the beginning of registration for a Women's Self Defense Class. The class will be taught by Dan Lockart and Adrienne Thompson. Classes will be held on Saturdays beginning Feb. 2nd at the Karate Shorin-Ryu Dojo (3001 So. State St., Ukiah). The class will through 4 p.m. but please arrive at 12:30 p.m. to check in and prepare for the class (comfortable clothing is

recommended).
The class fee is \$5.00 and students must be pre-registered at the City of Ukiah (411 West Clay St.). For specific informa-tion about the class, Dan Lockart may be contacted at 391-6468. For information regarding registration, please call the Ukiah Community Services Department at 463-6231 or 463-6201.

UVYSL seeking coaches

The Ukiah Valley Youth Soccer League is seeking coaches to train and develop competitive soccer players in our Puma Soccer Division. This Division is formed by teams of dedicated soccer players who travel to play games and tournaments with Northern California. We will with Northern California. We will be forming boy's and girl's teams in the age groups from Under 10 - Under 19. If you enjoy coaching and have a love for the game, share your knowledge with these players. UVYSL offers educational coaching courses to help you. coaching courses to help you achieve your coaching goals, beginning with the Pre-F Course (3hrs), to the F-License

(9hrs), E-License and beyond.
Applications are being accepted through March 1. For more information orto request an application, please call the UVYSL soccer hotline @ 467-

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Please report your game results! Phone (707) 468-3518 or make submissions to: The Ukiah Daily Journal Sports Department, 590 S. School Street, Ukiah, CA 95482. Fax (707) 468-3544 or visit www.ukiahdailyjournal.com click on "Sports", then click on the "Report Game Scores" banner.



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NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

Saturday
At Riviera Country Club
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Purses: \$5.2 million- Yardage: 7,279; Par: 71
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Sunday's Games San Jose at Dallas, 12:30 p.m San Jose at Dalias, 12:30 p.m. Washington at Pittsburgh, 12:30 p.m. Chicago at N.Y. Rangers, 12:30 p.m. Minnesota at St. Louis, 3 p.m. Montreal at Columbus, 3 p.m. Los Angeles at Anaheim, 5 p.m. Colorado at Vancouver, 7 p.m.

Monday's Games Pittsburgh at N.Y. Islanders, 10 a.m. Phoenix at Nashville, 3 p.m.

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Memphis	14	40.25930 1/2

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Golden State	25	29.463	15
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Friday's Games

Sunday's Games NBA All-Star game at Las Vegas, 5 p.m

Monday's Games No games scheduled

Tuesday's Games

Minnesota at Washington, 4 p.m. New Orleans at Charlotte, 4 p.m. Orlando at New York, 4:30 p.m. Detroit at Milwaukee, 5 p.m. Denver at San Antonio, 5 p.m. Atlanta at Chicago, 5:30 p.m. Boston at Sacramento, Utah at Portland, 7 p.m. Phoenix at L.A. Clippers, 7:30 p.m.

Karlovic in SAP Open final

By RON HARRIS

Associated Press Writer

SAN JOSE — Ivo Karlovic rode a wave of aces to a 7-6 (5), 7-5 semifinal victory over Benjamin Becker on Saturday in the SAP Open, where the 6foot-10 Croat is looking for his first ATP title.

"I was serving really good and it was the key to all my victories here, but also in the crucial moments, I returned also well," Karlovic said.

Big serves continued to be the key for the unseeded

Blake and Mardy Fish. Karlovic had 27 aces against Germany's Becker, who could do little more than guess at the direction of many of Karlovic's first and second

Karlovic will face the winner of the second semifinal between American Andy Roddick and Englishman Andy Murray. Murray is the defending champion and Roddick won the event in 2004 and 2005.

out seeded Americans James who beat him in 2005 at ty.

London's-Queens Club, now that he's playing with a more relaxed approach.

"In Queens it was my first final, so I was really uncomfortable, but now I feel pretty confident," Karlovic.

It's Karlovic who is comfortable at this tournament, on its lightning quick courts, and his opponents who approach his game with a healthy dose of guesswork.

For most of the match, Becker was stuck in between Karlovic said he wouldn't two worlds with his return Karlovic, who also knocked mind a rematch with Roddick, game — neither of them pret-

Harvick gets first Daytona victory

By MIKE HARRIS

AP Auto Racing Writer

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. Kevin Harvick has been to Daytona's Victory Lane before — just not as a driver.

"I went there the last two years as a car-owner," Harvick said Saturday after driving to his first win at Daytona International Speedway. "This is more fun."

Harvick, who ran away with the 2006 NASCAR Busch Series title, started the season with his 27th Busch victory. This time, he was driving for Richard Childress, who also fields his Nextel Cup Chevrolets.

"Any time you can win any race at Daytona it's big," said Harvick, who will start 34th in Sunday's Daytona 500.

Saturday's race was overrun with Buschwhackers -Nextel Cup regulars moonlighting in the junior series and Harvick controlled the last half of the 120-lap event.

Starting 31st in the 43-car field, Harvick crossed the finish line about three lengths ahead of runner-up Dave Blaney, who gave Toyota a solid finish in its first Busch

"I said if we ever get all the way to the front, we're going to be in really good shape," said Harvick, who led the final 42 laps. "Because the whole last run, once I got to the front, I never had to let off the floor.'

It was an auspicious start for Harvick, who won nine races last year to earn his second Busch Series title. He beat runner-up Carl Edwards

by 824 points. Even with only a partial

season, Harvick's win was no surprise — he finished in the top eight, including a trio of runner-up finishes, in his nine previous Busch starts on the 2.5-mile Daytona oval.

Still, Harvick's not considering adding more Busch

"Absolutely not," he said. "We're here to win races, and it's something to where we just want to go out and hopefully keep going where we left off last year.

"It's just a lot of fun to drive when the car is like that."

Blaney, who will drive one of four new Toyotas in the 500, was involved in a multicar crash on the fourth lap but came away without much damage.

"We just kind of hung around, hung around," he said. "And right at the very end I snuck into second."

Blaney never challenged

"Kevin was handling a little bit better than I was, and I couldn't get to his back bumper," he said.

Cup drivers finished in the top 12 spots and had 15 of the top 20, with Edwards third, followed by Clint Bowyer, Mark Martin, Martin Truex Jr., Dale Earnhardt Jr., Tony Stewart, Denny Hamlin, Greg Biffle, Robby Gordon and Matt Kenseth, all entered in Sunday's race. The top Busch regular was Scott Wimmer.

Stewart, the 500 favorite after winning last Saturday's Budweiser Shootout and a 150-mile qualifying race Thursday, saw his string of three straight wins in this race

"I got three top 10s in a row, so I'll find the bright side to it," Stewart said.

The 300-mile race was relatively clean, with three caution flags, including two crashes. But the second wreck was a big one, taking out Cup regulars Kasey Kahne, Reed Sorenson, Jamie McMurray and damaging the cars of Cup driver Ward Burton and Busch regular John Andretti, who both finished in the lower half of the field.

It was what has become a typical race at Daytona and Talladega, the two NASCAR tracks where carburetor restrictor plates are used to slow the cars.

There was a lot of two- and three-wide racing, and cars moved from the back of the field to the front relatively quickly.

The race had 16 lead changes among 10 drivers.

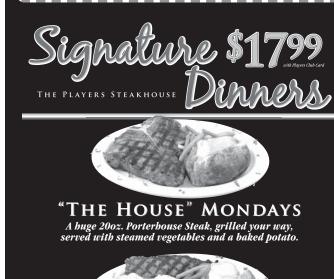
Kyle Busch, another Cup star, dominated early in the race, leading 46 laps before a fuel pressure problem ended his day.

The two Indianapolis 500 winners in the field, both new to stock car racing, looked good for a while before encountering trouble. Juan Pablo Montoya, mak-

ing the switch from Formula One to NASCAR and a starter in Sunday's Daytona 500, drove from 16th to fourth in the early going before his engine blew and relegated him to 40th.

Sam Hornish Jr. was running in the top 20 before bouncing off the wall. He continued but wound up 31st.







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Harden eager for fresh start

By JANIE McCAULEY **AP Sports Writer**

PHOENIX — Rich Harden had a bounce in his step hardly seen last season.

He is completely healthy and now the undisputed ace of Oakland's pitching staff and if those two things aren't enough to make a guy happy, the warm, breezy morning in the desert for the Athletics' first official workout certainly did the trick.

"He has the bounce in his arm we haven't seen for a while," general manager Billy Beane joked after watching Harden's closely watched, 30pitch session off the mound Saturday. "He looked normal Rich, which is good. He said he felt good. We had communication with him during the winter and he was telling us he feels good. To see him on the mound makes you feel more comfortable.'

The 25-year-old Harden, a hard-throwing right-hander, is the No. 1 starter for the A's following the offseason departure of left-hander Barry Zito to the San Francisco Giants. Both pitchers were considered aces in their own right in 2006, with Harden having more ability to dominate hitters than even Zito. When Harden was healthy,

That's all he cares about this season. He wants to pitch 200 innings and is vowing to back off a little bit on his strenuous regimen between starts that has concerned the A's at times that he might be overdoing it.

Harden will cut down on his upper-body weightlifting and continue to consume enough calories so he doesn't lose much weight this season. He's at 195 pounds now and feels strong.

"Injuries are not even in my head," he said. "I'm putting that behind me."

And he's not putting added expectations on himself now that the final member of the old Big Three — Zito — is gone. The other two, TimHudson and Mark Mulder, were traded in a three-day span in December 2004.

Harden expects to get plenty of help from his fellow starters in picking up the slack after the departure of Zito, the 2002 AL Cy Young Award

"I wouldn't say I'm feeling more pressure," Harden said after pitching in front of a big crowd and then signing his share of autographs. "I'm definitely looking forward to stepping up and pitching for a full season here.'

And Harden knows he

needs to chill a bit with his workouts at times. He didn't have to hear it from Beane.

'Rich has a lot of hyperactivity the four days before he starts," Beane said. "He tends to find something to do physically. Maybe he should pick up a crossword puzzle.'

Or his guitar. Or the hockey stick the Canadian keeps in his locker at all times.

He went on the disabled list for a second time last season on June 5 with a strained ligament in his right elbow. Harden, who won 10 games in 2005 and 11 in '04, missed 34 games from April 27 to June 3 with a back strain. Two days later, he was on the DL again with the elbow injury.

It was a discouraging year for Harden, who had already endured being sidelined for more than two months in 2005 with two separate injuries. Then, after the '05 season, he had surgery on his non-throwing shoulder and wore a sling most of the winter.

He went 4-0 with a 4.24 ERA in only nine starts last

"He's got No. 1 pitching stuff," manager Bob Geren said. "When your leader goes out, you think you can beat anybody anytime. That's a good feeling to have.

The fact that Harden returned last October to pitch in the AL championship series against the Detroit Tigers provided him with a huge mental boost going into the offsea-

He took a 3-0 loss as the starter in Game 3, then Detroit swept the series with another victory in Game 4. Still, getting back on the mound was an important achievement.

Harden showed up in Arizona at the team's Papago Park complex in early January to get to work and has been throwing bullpens the last couple of weeks. His changeup felt strong Saturday, and that was the pitch he threw when he hurt his elbow last

"I'm trying not to do too much too early and build up arm strength," he said. "My command felt good this early. More importantly, my body felt good."

Having him healthy seems to have given the entire pitching staff a confidence boost.

'We don't really have a set, established ace," said closer Huston Street, the 2005 AL Rookie of the Year. "Everyone knows Rich's capabilities. He can be the ace of any staff if you can keep him out there. It seems he's had a really productive offseason. Rich is dili-

Cal Bears bust up Oregon State Beavers

The Associated Press

BERKELEY, Calif. — Freshman forward Patrick Christopher scored 24 points to lead California to an 84-80 overtime victory against Oregon State Saturday afternoon.

The game almost ended in a 71-68 Cal (14-12, 6-8 Pac 10) victory as the buzzer sounded. But OSU (10-18, 2-13) was given another 2.3 seconds when the officials decided the clock had started early on the Beavers' final possession.

Cal deflected the Beavers' first inbounds pass, giving OSU just 1.4 seconds. But Angelo Tsagarakis caught the next inbounds pass and let a 3-pointer fly just before the buzzer sounded to tie the game and set up the OT. The Bears came out hot in overtime. A

State's Sasa Cuic cut the lead in half with a long 3-pointer, but Ayinde Ubaka put Cal up by five with a pair of free throws.

Christopher lay-up was the finale of a 6-

point spurt that opened the OT. Oregon

Tsagarakis hit a bucket, but

throw and a follow. Oregon State got within 82-80 on Marcel Jones' two free throws with 10 seconds left. But Christopher sealed it with two more free

Ubaka and Theo Robertston each scored 21 for Cal. Jack McGillis, whose 3-point shooting enabled OSU to cut into a 13-point Cal lead in the second half, led the Beavers with 24 points.

The Bears had come from a halftime deficit to take a double digit lead before Oregon State rallied to tie the score 58-58. McGillis had pulled the Beavers even when he hit a 3-pointer with 5:05 left in regulation. It was 60-60 when Christopher, who was averaging just 4.6 points per game coming in, dropped in a short jumper.

Ayinde Ubaka's basket gave Cal a four-point lead, but Roeland Schaftenaar buried a wide open trey to cut the lead to

The Bears would build the lead to five, seemingly putting it out of reach, before

Christopher answered that with a free Sasa Cucic hit yet another OSU trey to make the score 70-68. When Robertson missed one of his two free throws OSU

had a chance. They apparently missed the chance when Robertson blocked OSU's last shot and the buzzer went off when the teams

were scrambling for the ball. However, given their second chance the Beavers came through.

California seemed to have the game in hand midway in the second half.

The Bears went on a 12-0 run early in the period and gradually built the lead from there. With the Bears trailing 29-26, Ubaka knocked down consecutive 3pointers and Omar Wilkes hit two free throws to make it 38-29 Cal.

The lead would grow to 45-32 when Robertson hit a 3-pointer at 12:38. But OSU rallied and set up the wild finish.

The Beavers led by as many as six in the first half before Cal, doing most of the work at the free throw line, chopped the margin to one at the intermission.

Good first impression

By JANIE McCAULEY AP Sports Writer

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Tim Lincecum looks like a bat boy and knows it.

People guess his age at "anywhere from 18 to 21, tops," he said, admittedly gleeful to be in major league camp with San Francisco this

He's actually 22, with a slender build and a powerful right arm that has the Giants extremely excited.

The club made Lincecum the 10th overall pick in last year's draft out of Washington and hasn't ruled him out as a possibility to make the opening day roster. He has already told his former college teammates that he has high hopes of making the squad.

Lincecum, touted as the team's top prospect in 2007 and being treated as a starter for now, had an impressive first day Friday in a brief throwing session off the

"Impressive, boy," Giants manager Bruce Bochy said. "That's a great, loose arm. He came out firing today. This kid has a special talent."

Lincecum pitched in only eight professional games last season, at two levels of Class-A ball. He combined to go 2-0 with a 1.71 ERA.

He has a unique, contorted delivery — learned from his father — that would cause most people to throw their back out but allows him to be a power pitcher despite his size: 5-foot-11 and 170 pounds. San Francisco's coaches aren't going to mess

"It works well with my body, it's kept me from getting hurt, and it helps me get

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as much as possible from my slender frame," Lincecum said. "(Coaches) always shied away from trying to help me because of how unorthodox it is or they say it is. They really haven't tried to change me at all, anywhere.'

Lincecum pitched in the Cape Cod League in 2005 after his sophomore season at Washington and took a line drive off the head, causing him to miss a week with a concussion.

He returned as a closer and has been going great since then.

two-time Pac-10 The Pitcher of the Year and the career strikeout leader for the conference with 491 Ks went 12-4 with three saves and a 1.94 ERA in 22 games and 17 starts for the Huskies last year.

At Scottsdale Stadium, he dresses not far from the team's pair of superstar Barrys: Bonds and Zito.

"You go around and look at all the name tags above the lockers and they're guys you idolized," Lincecum said. "It's kind of surreal. With Barry Bonds and Barry Zito next to you, you try not to be too wide-eyed and just do your thing."

He laughs about his youthful appearance, saying, "It's not too much of a problem. I kind of expect, 'Hey, he's a bat boy.

Much more than a bat boy, actually.

General manager Brian Sabean plans to see Lincecum in action for an intrasquad game later this month, and he knows the pitcher's progress will be one of many intriguing story lines this spring behind Bonds and Zito, of

Padres see Sledge

The Associated Press

PEORIA, Ariz. — Padres left fielder Terrmel Sledge reported to camp on Saturday, four days early and 15 pounds

Sledge arrived at Peoria Sports Complex and was met by a dozen pitchers and catchers just returning from a running session. Position players report on Wednesday with the first workout slated for Friday.

Sledge said he lost weight by altering his diet at the end of last season, mainly by cutting out desserts and fried foods.

"I've always been in pretty good shape," Sledge said. "But it will take a toll on you over 162 games. I'm not a health nut, but I'm leaning toward that way. I feel a lot more energetic.

Sledge, who said he's down from 210 pounds last season to 195, is slotted to take over in left field after Dave Roberts signed an \$18 million, threeyear deal with San Francisco. There also has been talk that Sledge would take over the leadoff spot, but he said he hasn't talked to club officials about it.

But he knows he can't fully

"That's the thing," Sledge said. "I know I cant be him in the sense that he can steal 50 bases every year. Hes part of bring a little more power if they wanted me to be a leadoff

Sledge came to the Padres along with right-hander Chris Young and first baseman Adrian Gonzalez in a trade with Texas before last season.

He hit .229 with two homers in 38 games in 2006. He also had 24 home runs and 73 RBIs in 101 games at Triple-A Portland.

He was limited to 20 games for Washington in 2005 but hit 15 homers in 2004 for the Montreal Expos.

Padres manager Bud Black said he wasn't surprised that the main competitors for left field — Sledge, Jack Cust and Paul McAnulty — were already in camp.

"Some guys sense a challenge," Black said. "The guy wants to get acclimated, wants to get going and do whatever he can to be ready.'

Notes: RHP Greg Maddux has no complaints about the 30-minute fielding sessions during the team's first day of workouts. "Even though you're a pitcher, you're still a player," baseball said Maddux, a 16-time Gold Glove winner.

"You've still got to field and hit and run and all of that stuff. We do it for about 30 minutes a day in spring training and it gets a little monotonous at times, but its not a big deal. You should be able to the last of a dying breed of field your position, and back leadoff hitters. I feel I can up the right base, and do all the things right. Throwing should be the hardest thing.



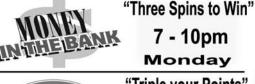








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Sacramento week in review

State Senate approves moving California's 2008 presidential primary to Feb. 5.

The lowdown: The cynics ask: Are lawmakers more interested in California voters having a bigger voice in the process - or that an earlier primary may allow them to extend term limits.

TERMS: Of discussion Two powerful interest groups announce they will team up to place an initiative on the ballot to change term

limits. The lowdown: Thanks to California Teachers Association and, surprise, the state Chamber of Commerce, legislators get a shot at what they want - without looking

like they're the ones asking. **AG NEWS**: More news Republican lawmakers say they actually want to convert Agnews Developmental Center in San Jose into a prison hospital.

The lowdown: Somehow, this revelation is supposed to assuage neighbors, developers and the city whose vision for the area is high-tech offices and homes.

RIGHT TO DIE: Lives

Bolstered by support from Assembly Speaker Fabian Nunez, lawmakers introduce another assisted suicide bill.

The lowdown: Perhaps the authors of assisted suicide and gay marriage figured they would slip these in while the rest of the nation is still going gaga for light bulbs and spanking.

STUČK: In traffic

California The Transportation Committee's recommendation provides more bad news than bliss for traffic-jammed Bay Area dri-

The lowdown: In case you're wondering, this list was approved before Silicon Valley's own Carl Guardino was appointed to the CTC, which formally votes next week on these recommenda-

QUOTE OF THE WEEK "Really, what we're looking at, is two powerful politicians

looking to extend their stay in office." - Carmen Balber, for the Foundation for Taxpayer and Consumer Rights, on an initiative to change terms lim-

SANTA CLARA (AP) — A "South of the Border" theme

party has stirred outrage at a

Silicon Valley university after

students showed up at the

bash dressed as Hispanic jani-

tors, gardeners, gangbangers

partygoer with a balloon

stuffed under her shirt, mak-

ing her appear pregnant. In another, a woman wears pink

rubber cleaning gloves and

carries a feather duster.

One Internet image shows a

and pregnant teens.



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its that could result in extending the terms of Assembly Speaker Fabian Nunez, D-Los Angeles, and Senate President Pro Tem Don Perata, D-Oakland.

NO LIMITS ON CYNI-CISM

The oh-so-cynical - and popular - take on term limits reform is that it's a political power push to give the Legislature's two most prominent Democrats more time at

And for any doubters out there - c'mon, anyone? - there were the events of Friday.

When the attorney for Senate President Pro Tem Don Perata, D-Oakland, read the fine print in the initiative he let out a big uh-oh.

Here's the problem (or was the problem; more on that in a minute): The bill was crafted to allow lawmakers to spend only 12 years total in the Legislature, but they could spend all 12 in either the Assembly or the Senate.

Currently, lawmakers can spend 14 years in the Legislature, but no more than six in the Assembly or eight in the Senate.

If voters approve a term limits initiative next year - in February before terms expire that means Assembly Speaker Fabian Nunez could get six more years in the Assembly and Perata, at least he thought, could get more four more years in the Senate.

Problem is, Perata is not only serving his second fouryear term in the Senate, he also served the last two years of now-Congresswoman Barbara Lee's term, so he would ultimately exceed the

12-year cap. No worries. According to various sources, the initiative

Outrage over college theme party

accused of mocking Hispanics

backers submitted an amendment on Friday. And if you need to know just what that little amendment cleared up, then you're just not cynical enough for Sacramento.

OK, for you true believers uh, anyone? - we'll give you a hint: Perata can run.

POLITICAL PAYDAY

Capitol Weekly this past week published the current salaries of everyone who works for the Legislature - all 2,010 of them.

And what did they find?

The total annual payroll was \$119 million dollars, or per employee. \$59,200 Though plenty are making much more than that.

By our count, 212 of them make six figures. Heading the list is Dan Eaton, the chief of staff for Assembly Speaker Fabian Nunez, who is pulling down \$200,004 a year.

Legislators, by the way, top out at \$130,056. That's what Nunez, Senate President Pro Tem Don Perata, D-Oakland, Assembly Majority Leader Karen Bass, D-Los Angeles, Assembly Minority Leader Mike Villines, R-Clovis, and Senate Minority Leader Dick Ackerman, R-Irvine, make.

Most other legislators make \$110,880.

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That, and all those jobs that come with it - lobbyists, lawyers and the like.

The study listed San Diego as the next big job producer, at 20.7 percent - so much for that downturn in the surfboard and fish taco sector - followed by the Bay Area, at 19.1 percent.

Compiled byHarmon and Alvie Lindsay of the MediaNews Sacramento

Arcata coffee roaster found guilty on grounds of libel

Jury awards owners of Bayside Roasters \$37K By ANN JOHNSON-

STROMBERG The Eureka Times-Standard ARCATA -- The hijacking of a gourmet coffee compa-

ny's Web site has resulted in a rival being found guilty of libel in Humboldt County District Court.

Tim Dominick, roasting director of Sacred Grounds in Arcata, was found guilty by a jury Thursday on two counts of libel and one count of intentional infliction of emotional distress against the

owners of Bayside Roasters. Plaintiffs Pamela and Kregen Olsen, owners of Bayside Roasters, say that Dominick used a lapsed Internet domain name registration to his advantage and tried to ruin their business and reputation by linking it to disparaging comments and pornography.

A unanimous jury agreed with the Olsens and awarded the couple just over \$37,000 in compensatory damages. Next Tuesday, a judge will review the case and decide on how much Dominick will be fined in punitive damages for his actions.

Dominick's lawyer, Steve Schectman, said that his client did buy the Bayside Roasters domain name in November of 2005 and set up the site so that when a person typed in would automatically open the Urban Dictionary Web site to "10 definitions of a--hole."

Schectman said that on Nov. 29, 2005, when Dominick was notified that the Olsens were seeking an injunction to make remove the disparaging link, Dominick removed it. The Olsens' lawyer, Bill Barnum, said that in December the couple discovered their domain name was then "Google bombed" so that when the name Bayside Roasters was searched on the Google search engine, a pornographic Web site was the No. 1 Web site recommended.

Schectman denies that Dominick had anything to do with "Google bombing" the Bayside Roasters name, and said that the fact that the jury found him guilty of it was an "emotional judgment" error.

Pamela Olsen, who is a junior high teacher in McKinleyville, said that the past 17 months have been like living in a nightmare. She she started hearing from people in the community that Dominick was badmouthing her after Bayside Roasters was able to secure a local grocery store chain account that had previously belonged to Sacred Grounds.

According to Barnum, Sacred Grounds is an S corporation, and the shareholders of the corporation are Sacred Grounds CEO Fred Hébert

www.baysideroasters.com, it and his wife, and Dominick and his wife Beth, who is the company president.

Olsen said she did not know who Dominick was before she searched a domainname tracker and found him listed as the person who had re-registered baysideroasters.com. Aside from the obvious fear of the business being damaged, Olsen said she was terrified that her job would be in jeopardy because she was a teacher.

"I was five and a half months pregnant and I had a miscarriage the day after this happened. I'm not saying it was his fault ... but Dominick knew I was having such a hard time, and he had no remorse,' she said.

In a deposition, when asked why Dominick linked the domain name to the Urban Dictionary definitions, Barnum quoted Dominick as saying, "I thought it was amusing."

Olsen said it may have been funny to Dominick, but "I have a 3-year-old daughter who didn't get a birthday party that year or a Christmas. I think it's interesting that the name 'sacred' is in their business name, because what is sacred to you if you are willing to do this?'

Schectman did not say his client would appeal the decision, but said, "It's a case I suspect will engender further legal review."

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"A lot of people have the university, has condemned the idea that Mexicans or Latin Americans are all like that, and that's wrong," said Nadine Rasch, 18, a finance major from Guatemala, who did not attend the party.

ALARM

No students have been disciplined, but a campus spokeswoman said the school is investigating the party and that the university's code of Paul Locatelli, president of conduct extends to students the nearly 8,400-student Jesuit who live off-campus.

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Health

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and the National Alliance for the Mentally III (NAMI) of which Sonya Nesch is the local head.

Nesch has high hopes for positive change from the process in which employees, family members, nonprofit leaders and the county health boss sit down and hear about breaks in the system.

On Jan. 5, Howson and her son asked for help, but couldn't find any, documents she presented show.

"We went to Mental Health because my son was schizophrenic and delusional. And he was told from Mental Health to go to the police department.

From there he went to the hospital. When it was determined by tests that he was on drugs he was released.

"I don't know why they didn't violate his probation and throw him in jail for under the influence. We begged for help," Howson said.

About 10 days later, on Jan. 16, her son allegedly left a suspicious looking package on the counter at Ten Mile Justice Center, which resulted in his being arrested. Serious felony charges were filed against

"He has tried to get help, but nobody has any patience with him. All they ever say to me is 'He's on drugs," said Howson. "Drugs only stay in your system for three days. Schizophrenia is forever."

A crowd of two dozen people, mostly women, were on hand. Leaders of local nonprofit agencies, county work-

ers and family members of mentally ill people composed most of the crowd.

Rules of confidentiality

Confidentiality regulations were cited by much of the crowd as one of the blocks to effective treatment. Anyone dealing with mental illness, substance abuse or developmental disability must sign a dozen or more releases to cover confidentiality laws such as HIPPA. Until those are signed, the agency cannot even confirm they know the person. Those forms, often presented to people who do not read or write or are in extremely emotional states, must be updated yearly. And if someone new becomes involved in treatment, nobody can legally talk to that person until he or she has signed those forms with each and every agency.

Howson described a too typical experience of how the forms kept her from talking to those who could have helped

"I think his rights have been violated when nobody can speak for him because they let the papers lapse that you have to sign that says his family can talk about it to the people (who are) supposed to be helping him," she said.

Consumers need a roadmap

The crowd was asked to vote for the most serious problem with the agencies that now comprise HHS. The overwhelming winner was dual diagnosis. Finishing a distant second in a three-way tie were three other local problems homelessness and services for

children and families.

Both confidentiality forms and the disjointed, confusing nature of the system were identified as major obstacles to anyone who has a family member diagnosed as mentally ill, whether or not that person uses illegal drugs.

"After a year I still have no clear picture of what is avail-

able," said Leslie Hall. "When (my daughter) ended up in the hospital the first time, I wish someone could have handed me a brochure that would say 'if you are exhibiting these types of problems, this is what you can do, this is who can direct you," Hall said.

"We have been going through horrific circumstances as a family. I would like to see a roadmap," she

Carol Mordhorst, long time head of Public Health, facilitated the meeting and is in charge of the effort to fix as many identified problems as possible. She said different meanings and misunderstandings of terminology, including confusing acronymns don't make a bewildering system any easier. For example, she explained, "dual diagnosis" is unfortunately a term with dual definitions. It can mean a person who is developmentally disabled who also suffers from a mental illness. A slightly more common usage is to describe a person who is mentally ill who abuses drugs or alcohol.

Throughout history, mentally ill people have done what is called "self medicating" with drugs and alcohol. The Department of Mental Health services for older adults, has psychiatrists who seek to give modern, safe medications

to patients. Counselors help the consumers work through barriers.

5150 situations

The big cracks in the system emerge when a person goes into crisis. Under section 5150 of the California Welfare and Institutions Code, when people are deemed a threat to themselves or others or gravely disabled, they are held against their will - for up to 72 hours.

As with Howson's son, who is said to be a frightening man when on drugs, the situation often begins with an encounter with the police. The decision on whether to deem someone a threat to themselves or others, and to take away their rights, is a difficult one, confusing to the consumer and his or her family. Local police often try to avoid arrest and jail for someone in obvious need of treatment they won't get in jail.

Where possible, they take the person to the Mendocino Coast District Hospital emergency room, where a Mental Health crisis worker decides if they are truly a threat. Because Mendocino County, like many rural counties, has no locked psychiatric unit, the person must be transported to a county that does. The Mental Health crisis worker begins calling these hospitals, which are located in Helena, Sacramento, St.

Vallejo, Santa Rosa, Yuba City and Fremont.

Often there are no beds were available anywhere. No local system exists to confine the person awaiting treatment. None of the above hospitals accepts mentally ill people who are in any way intoxicat-

"It doesn't matter whether you are dual diagnosis or not, there is no inpatient treatment for alcohol and drug problems," said Barbara Durigan, who has been involved in all aspects of the process for many years. "There is no treatment available unless you have \$10,000 to go to Singing Trees (a recovery center in Garberville).'

For people with dual diagnosis, this leaves the agencies with the difficult choices of arrest, unconditional release, or sitting and waiting for the person's intoxication to leave their system.

Hopes for improvement

The county's new Health and Human Services Agency is seen by all as good news at this point, as are the appointments of Noel O'Neill as head of Mental Health and Aaron Goertzen as head of Mental Health on the coast.

Mahoney described a new program where mental health consumers in Ukiah will ride along with Ukiah police officers, so each can learn about the other's issues.

While real change seems afoot in Ukiah, the problems are not confined to this county. Many rural counties lack a locked psychiatric unit and consumers in many areas are less cared for than here. And there appears to be very little thought given in Sacramento to the statewide problem of mental health, much less dual diagnosis.

Mordhorst is running the transition effort. She pointed out the Website www.mendocinoresources.com as a source of information.

Another idea is for a 211 phone system, much like 411, except it will come with an operator trained to help people find the right county service, she said.

Mordhorst said the idea of a single case manager, improved systems of referrals and other issues brought up have been heard at the other 13 meetings and would end up on a list of priorities and in the hands of work groups.

Mahoney has a photo in her office of a mother tiger nursing baby piglets it adopted inscribed below with what she says is her motto "Anything is possible." Her other mantra is 'Why not?"

Frank Hartzell, besides being a reporter for the Advocate-News, has been an emergency driver for the Department of Mental Health.



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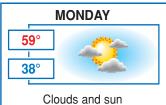
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Snow stalls holiday travel

By CHASE SQUIRES **Associated Press**

DENVER Thousands of travelers heading to ski areas for the holiday weekend were stalled by giant traffic jams Saturday as highways blocked by crews removing snow slides.

One avalanche at Berthoud Pass on U.S. 40, the main road to the Winter Park ski resort, knocked a state maintenance vehicle off the road during the said Colorado Department of Transportation spokeswoman Stacey Stegman. The pass reopened

That pass was the scene of an avalanche last month that knocked two vehicles off the road and stranded several motorists. No injuries were reported because of snow slides or avalanche mitigation.

Elsewhere, avalanche crews firing explosive charges potential break up avalanches dislodged a masslide that buried Interstate 70, the main access from Denver and the urban Front Range corridor to many of the state's major ski resorts, including Vail and Aspen.

April when invoices are

In January, the Mendocino

ounty Board of Supervisors

chose seeking reimbursement

for the special election as its

received.

"We've just gotten so much snow up there in the last two days," Stegman said. "This is one of the biggest ski weekends of the year. We would love to keep the highway open. It's just so much snow."

By the time officials reopened I-70 shortly after 10 a.m., the traffic jam stretched east for 10 miles, Stegman

The storm, which had moved out of the state Saturday, piled up as much as 18 inches of snow in the mountains, Stegman said.

Costs

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Some money will also be saved on the ballots, which will be 11 inches for the special election, rather than the 14 inches necessary for the November general election.

• Postage and supplies: \$55,000

Wharff expects this figure, which pays for postage on sample and absentee ballots, and supply kits for the polling places that include a binder of printed instructions and special seals for envelopes that hold ballots and results, to stay the same for the special election.

• Staff time: \$22,500 This is for "when we have

to call in extra help and have full-time staff working overtime," Wharff said.

· Election officials and polling places: \$12,500

This cost covers rental fees for securing the polling places, pay for delivery of supplies to the polls and pay for election officials.

Like ballots, Wharff said not as many election officials are required for a special election, however, the number that will be used in April hasn't yet been determined.

"We can use less people in special election, so it depends on how many we have for each of the precincts," Wharff said.

Wharff said the exact cost of the special election probably won't be known until

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the county's state legislative advocate, Dan Peterson, with input from the entire board as well as the board's General Government Committee, states that the special election, "caused by the untimely demise of a candidate for district attorney shortly before the 2006 General Election,"

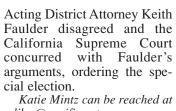
could run a cost as high as

\$300,000. In addition to reimbursement, the county is seeking to clarify the intent of State Election Code by either repeal or amendment. Of special interest is clarifying procedures in the case of a candidate's death immediately preceding a primary or general election, according to the pro-

gram. A difference in interpretation of the current law led to litigation after County Counsel determined a special election was not necessary following incumbent Norm Vroman's death. Since Vroman's name could not be removed from the ballot, the county maintained that if he was elected over challenger Meredith Lintott November, it would be up to the board to make an appointment to the position. Then-

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Stouts of Mendocino County

By AUSTIN BOOTH Special for the Journal

The stout is a very popular classic beer style and an excellent winter brew. It originated in the 18th Century as stout porter, meaning a strong porter (another classic beer style). Since then it has become its own unique style of beer with many variations such as dry stout, sweet stout, oatmeal stout and imperial stout. It is characterized by its very dark color (usually black) and its roasty, coffee like flavor. The roasted malted barley used in the brewing process is what lends these attributes to the stout. Our local breweries in Mendocino County all have their own variety of stout:

Black Hawk Stout, Mendocino Brewing Co. Barney Flats Oatmeal Stout, Anderson Valley Brewing Co. Imperial Stout, North Coast Brewing Company.



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Austin Booth is a home brewer from Ukiah. He has worked for a few micro breweries in Mendocino County, improving his own brewing Old No. 38 Stout, North Coast skills. Currently, he works in Brewing Co. Old Rasputin the cellar at Mendocino

Wine climates of Mendocino County

By KEITH FEIGIN

Special for the Journal

The unique element of Mendocino County wines is that we have every significant wine climate for almost any kind of varietal. Although Napa Valley has established itself as the premier wine growing region through many years of strategic marketing, it can't compete with the diversity of wine possibilities in our climate. The hot inland valleys of Ukiah and Hopland produce grapes for outstanding red wines such as Zinfandel, Petite Sirah and Sangiovese that are pushed with just enough heat to reach optimum sugar levels and peak fla-

There are also a few up and coming Rhone varietals such as Syrah, Grenache and the obscure Mourvedre that will increase in consumer recognition in the near future. Anderson Valley's milder growing season is significantly cooler at night and in the mornings, due to the proximity of the coast. This provides the ideal climate for white Alsatian varieties such as Pinot Gris, GewOrtztraminer, and Riesling. In addition, this appellation is known for incredible Burgundian varietals such as Pinot Noir and Chardonnay.

Many happy memories made at the Potter Valley school garden

Special for the Journal

Potter Valley student gardeners Neil Thiele, 5th grade student at Potter Valley Elementary School, says with a pleased-to-be-interviewed look, "I like to be outside in the school garden."
His favorite activity there is

the harvesting and tasting of many different things fresh from the garden. Neil takes pride in student efforts and thinks that the garden makes the school look a lot better. He's amazed that, "There are no bugs-just ladybugs!" Sixth grade student, Esperanza Flores, appreciates the flowers and likes to give food to the school cafeteria. She and her mother kept the garden going during the summer months with regular watering so that students could continue to harvest produce when school resumed in late summer.

Esperanza's favorite activity is to play in the garden and mentioned that school plays have been performed there. She brought classmates to the interview who hadn't been involved in the actual garden work but who benefited from the garden as well. Her friend, Nicole Helm, said that kids really liked the cafeteria salads with food from the garden. Her buddy, Rebecca Ortiz, enjoys the times her class can relax and read in the garden. Although Potter Valley has strong agrarian roots in this pastoral setting,



Shown above, from the left: Faith Collard; Cheyenne Portlock; Mauricio Alvarez; Esperanza Flores; Neil Thiele; Lysia Sloan; Everett Sloan; Baldemar Alvarez; Marty Wolff; Marisa Goutierez.

long-time teacher, Marty Wolff, realized that many children at school had actually lost the connection of "earth to table.'

Through strong community efforts, the area in front of his classroom had been transformed into a small lawn area with arbors and large potted plants. Separate from the playground, it has been used as a retreat for reading and other class activities. Marty took it a step further with his students by creating an edible garden so that they could help improve student nutrition.

He reports that their growing season at school is currently from March through October. The focus has mostly

been on salad vegetables such as lettuces, arugula, sweet peppers, carrots and radishes. As early spring approaches, Mr. Wolff is planning to continue with this focus and add a few unusual plants for students to taste and jazz up the salads. Preschool teacher Marilyn Atkinson adds, "It's good to introduce students to new culinary tastes." It's clear from student responses that their garden has contributed to school pride. Marty's students are responsible for garden care, harvesting, and transporting of their produce the 50 yards to the school cafeteria.

They're learning that good relationships are important for any "business" as they make

sure that they drop off extra produce with the school secretary, Jan Meaders, and principal-superintendent, Gary Barr. They're smart cookies! The positive support of head cook, Laurie Halstead, is evident as she washes and prepares the salad ingredients. Yes, it's an extra step and it would be so much easier to purchase prepared and packaged ingredients. Fortunately, Laurie knows the value of fresh foods and how students are more willing to try new things when they participate in the process.

Have you ever heard kids say, "Squash! YUK!"? According to Marty Wolff, students enjoyed the winter squash grown at school, prepared with Laurie's special touch. Cooperation at many levels is what makes this gardening effort successful. In this small preschool through grade 12 district, all on the same campus, students have many opportunities to benefit from multi-age interactions. Thanks to Mike Moore's high school agriculture classes, raised beds were built for the elementary school garden. The nearby high school farm with a heated green house, fruit trees, pigs, and sheep is sometimes visited by elementary classes. With this sharing of resources and school-wide cooperation, there are many positive possibilities for the future of this school garden and the many growing minds.

The warmer inland climates of Redwood Valley and Potter Valley also tend to have slightly cooler mornings than Ukiah's valley as they are somewhat influenced by other factors such as the surrounding higher mountains, elevation, and ground fog (Potter Valley) providing an ideal climate for many Bordeaux types such as Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot. Of course there are multiple factors to consider when planting vinevards such as specific microclimates, soil, water, and the market. However, the most important factor for consumers to

know is that Mendocino County has a diversity of excellent wines to choose from.

Keith Feigin is a home wine maker. Much of his wine knowledge grew while working for the reknowned Sokol Blosser Wine of the Williamette Valley in Oregon, in a climate similar to Anderson Valley. Keith returned to the family farm in Ukiah in the spring of 2006 and currently works for Anderson Valley's Navarro Wine where he is a member of their sales staff.







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Students of the Month for January 2007

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Frank Zeek Elementary School



Frank Zeek Students of the Month are, from the left -- front row: Kaitlyn Nordyke, Luke Lopiccolo, and Desi Hermann; back row: Linnea Wade, Edgar Fuentes, and Drew Siminoe Gravier.

Nokomis Elementary School



Nokomis Students of the Month are, from the left -- front row: Donald Smith, Martin Ayala, and Adelene Villarreal; back row: Dean Khalil and Analicia Sutherland.

Redwood Valley Elementary School



Redwood Valley Students of the Month are, from the left: Sabrina McCarty, Rosa Peredia, Tristen Hunter, and Diego Lopez.

Pomolita Middle School



Pomolita Students of the Month are, from the left -- front row: Nallely Rosales Chavez, Jazmin Aceves, and Melissa Plaza; back row: Jorge Dominguez, Alfonso Ayala, and Omar Vasquez.

Yokayo Elementary School



Yokayo Students of the Month are, from the left -- front row: Miguel Mora, Roland Williams, and Colton Speas; back row: Jessica Aceves, Kasandra Norton, and MacKenna Hill Kelly.

Oak Manor Elementary School



Oak Manor Students of the Month are, from the left -- front row: Kimberlee Hennessey Berndt, Yareli Fuentes Ruiz, and Michael Turchin; back row: Jose Velazquez Mancilla, Vanessa Vega, and Adrian Vigil Torres.

Hopland Elementary School

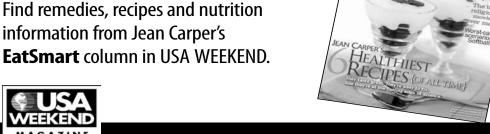


Hopland Students of the Month are, from the left: Malik Pady, Marisol Gonzalez, and Jesus Botello.

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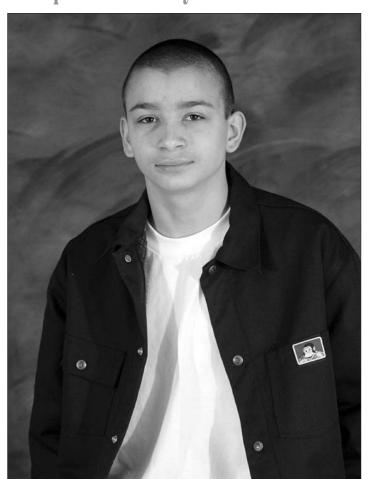
Photos by Suzette Cook-Mankins, ROP photo teacher at Ukiah High School Eagle Peak Students of the Month are, from the left -- front row: Alejandra Ruiz, Dalton Hosmer, and Sarah Martin; back row: Will Cayler, Victor Hernandez, and Kinderlynn Shields.

Potter Valley Elementary School

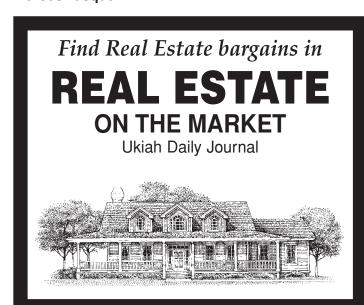


Potter Valley Students of the Month are, from the left -- back row: Stephanie Dashiell, Selena Rosales, and Alicia Flynn; middle row: Chance Dalton, Jose Castro, and Lakota Hoaglen; front row: Rebekah Kelly, Adrian Ornelas, Solano Dominguez, and Donavan Andres. Not Pictured: Marcos Sancheza

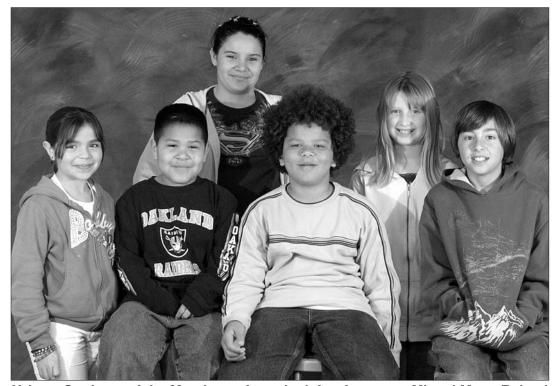
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The Independent Study Student of the Months is Marcos Vasquez.



Ukiah High School

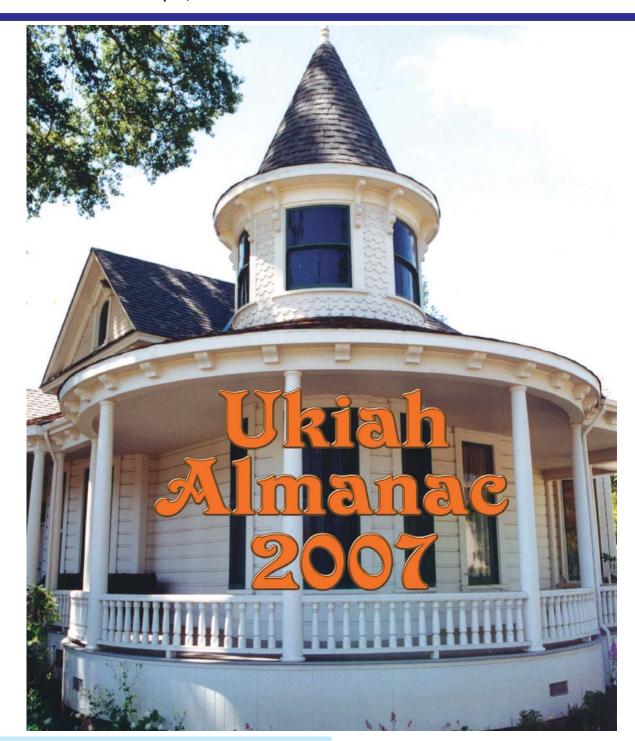


Yokayo Students of the Month are, from the left -- front row: Miguel Mora, Roland Williams, and Colton Speas; back row: Jessica Aceves, Kasandra Norton, and MacKenna Hill Kelly.

St. Mary's Elementary School



St. Mary's Students of the Month are, from the left: Maria Carnevale, 6th Grade; Ashlynn Rose, 4th Grade; Lauren Vau, 7th Grade; Olivia Pratt, 5th Grade; Antonio Lopez, 8th Grade.



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22) -- There's a strong

possibility someone you

meet on a social basis,

and are drawn to, might

not be all he or she

appears on the surface and

could greatly disappoint

Sept. 22) -- It is impera-

tive you think for yourself

because if you permit oth-

ers to make decisions

without first consulting

you, the results could be

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct.

23) -- This might be one

of those days when you

could feel a bit lazy and

which is fine if you don't

have to handle anything

of importance. If you do,

Nov. 22) -- Try not to get

involved in anything of a

financial nature and, even

more importantly, if you

should, don't encourage anybody else to go along

with you. Things may not

might have a tendency to

judge you on your out-

ward appearance only, so

be conscious of both your

attire and your demeanor

when around anybody

22-Jan. 19) -- Because of some insecurity on your

part, you could have a

tendency to exert greater

control over those you

think are important in

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov.

21)

others

go as you hoped.

Unfortunately,

23-Dec.

important.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-

however, shape up fast.

off somewhat,

most regrettable.

slack

VIRGO (Aug. 23-

LEO (July 23-Aug.

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the piper.

you later.

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your

Monday, Feb. 19, 2007

ject you've been nurtur-

ing for some time, take

care not to get impatient

and alter your mode of

operation. If you believe

you're on the right track,

give it all the time it

Feb. 19) -- Take care not

to let yourself get drawn

into an expensive activity

with friends just because

you feel somewhat inse-

cure about your relation-

PISCES (Feb. 20-

March 20) -- In your

eagerness to please or

impress your friends and

associates, you could get

involved in activities at

which you're not too pro-

ficient and end up embar-

April 19) -- Your ability to understand the world

around you might be somewhat suspect, so put

off making any important

decisions right now. Time might demonstrate the

invalidity of your views.

TAURUS (April 20-

May 20) -- You're going

to have to be a bit firmer

than you may like, espe-

cially if what you are try-

ing to do is to get another

to come through on a

promise he or she made to

you. It might not be pret-

GEMINI (May 21-

June 20) -- If you yield

too easily to pressure

from an associate who is

trying to get you to

unconditionally accept an

agenda you don't like,

you'll end up doing some-

thing that'll benefit him

July 22) -- Laying bur-

dens on others that you

should be taking care of

yourself isn't likely to

accomplish your purpos-

CANCER (June 21-

but not you.

ARIES (March 21-

ship with them.

rassing yourself.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-

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- stranger 49. Warbled
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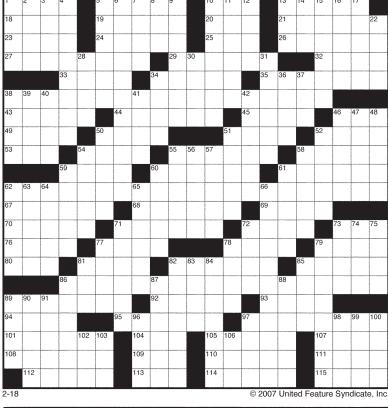
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TODAY'S **BIRTHDAYS:** Louis Tiffany (1848-1933),

artist/designer; Jack Palance (1919-2006), actor; Toni Morrison (1931-), writer, is 76; John Travolta (1954-), actor, is 53; Vanna White (1957-), TV personality, is 50; Matt Dillon (1964-), actor, is 43; Paris Hilton (1981-), socialite, is 26.

TODAY'S SPORTS: In 1990, after

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the rest." -- Mark Twain

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TODAY'S FACT: The average surface temperature on Pluto is about 370 F below zero, making it the coldest planet; Venus is

Earnhardt Sr. got a flat tire on his last lap moon (Feb. 17) and first quarter (Feb. 24).

Why Anna Nicole's daughter has my eyes

I expect I'll be raked over the coals by the cable news networks as a sleazy, money-grubbing opportunist, but it doesn't change the cold hard fact: I am the father of Anna Nicole Smith's baby.

No doubt in one of the many multinational court battles, sure to be fought over our innocent child's paternity and custody, some smarmy trial lawyer will bring up the fact that I never met Anna Nicole, or that my DNA doesn't match the child or that I never made a claim for paternity before. Let's just say that I always thought it was just a dream, too -- because no woman as beautiful as Anna Nicole Smith in her right mind

would even consider coupling with an ugly, middle-aged troll like me. But then, when I saw on the news the collection of creepy, ugly, middle-aged gargoyles who were claiming to have fathered her

baby, I realized that maybe it was-



n't a fantasy, that maybe she really had been my lover, maybe on some other astral plane. My wife thinks I'm crazy as an astronaut, but the sleazy Bahamian lawyer I just hired seems quite optimistic.

I don't care how much of Anna Nicole's money it takes to provide for our child, I'm willing to spend it. If that means traveling the globe, staying in the finest hotels, eating in fancy restaurants, so be it. Money will be no object when it comes to that child's health and happiness. I will spare no expense

to find the most beautiful, bigbreasted nannies for that baby that money can buy.

and lost the race.

To keep nosy, intrusive reporters away from our child, I'll buy the biggest house with the tallest garden walls in Beverly Hills. Armed guards? There will be plenty of them, damn the expense, this motherless child is worth it. I'm thinking of an all-female security force. Maybe a team of Amazon blondes, specially trained in martial arts and automatic weapons. I'll design their uniforms myself. I see a lot of black leather, thighhigh boots and whips. Because of the nutty celebrity stalkers out there, you can't be too careful. We'll need a full-time cook to make food for the baby and the nannies and the security detail. And me. I love those Buffalo wings they have down at Hooters. Maybe I can hire some of their

I can't tell you how much courage it takes to publicly admit that I fornicated with a gorgeous, rich, famous sex symbol. Actually, now that it's out, I feel better about myself. A lot of the TV reporters are comparing her to Marilyn Monroe because Marilyn Monroe was a talented actress with a gift for light comedy, and Anna Nicole was blond. So, obviously, they were exactly alike.

And yet some people say reporters are shallow and lazy. Not when they're trying to get to the Bahamas in the middle of winter, they're not. Other reporters have compared her to Princess Di, because like Di, Anna Nicole did a lot of charity work. Princess Di worked with landmine victims and AIDS organizations, whereas Anna Nicole's charity work was more personal -- apparently sleeping with men who were never going to

get any sex if it weren't for her, which is why the world loved her,

Sometimes you really don't miss a person until they're gone. I know, except for our astral relationship, I rarely thought about her. Days, weeks, years even, would go by when she wouldn't cross my mind, but now that she's gone, I see her all around me.

I know many people will doubt my claim, they may think I'm a lazy, pathetic gold-digger and that I'm just saying I'm the father of her child just so I can get my hands on her estate. But the truth is I want nothing but the best for our little what's-her-name.

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Projection TVs offer quality for tight budgets

By the Editors of Consumer Reports

With high-definition televisions flying off the shelves at ever-lower prices, you don't have to be wildly adventurous or wildly extravagant to become a high-def household. You do, however, have to decide which type of TV to

LCD, plasma and rear-projection micro-display sets have their own characteristics and strengths, yet each has also had certain weaknesses. LCDs, for example, are slim and light, with minimal reflections off the screen, making them good choices for a brightly lighted room. But despite improvements, LCDs still can't match the wider viewing angles and deeper blacks of plasma sets. Known also for their accurate colors and minimal blurring of fast motion, plasma TVs are nonetheless heavy -- and they're just now catching up with the movement to 1080p, the highest form of high defi-

Then there's rear-projection micro-display. TVs using the DLP, LCoS, and LCD microdisplay technology provide the least expensive, easiest

Consumer reports

way to get a big-screen experience. Today's micro-displays are slimmer than the hulking projection TVs of a few years back. Most have screens 50 to 65 inches and up. The \$2,000 or so you'd spend on a 40-inch (or larger) LCD set or a 42- or 50-inch plasma set will get you a 50- to 56-inch rear-projection set. And many new models have 1080p resolution.

Your viewing pleasure

Televisions with 1080p resolution have more pixels than sets with lower resolution, often labeled as 720p in stores. That gives them the potential to display all the detail in a high-definition signal, including the new high-def DVDs. You'll pay more for 1080p, though, and the differences aren't easily noticed on all types of programming or on 42-inch or smaller screens—unless you're up close.

None of the 22 rear-projection models we recently rated are smaller than 50 inches, and several are 1080p sets. In past tests of rear-projection

micro-display sets, no technology -- DLP, LCoS, or LCD -- was consistently better than another. Models based on DLP technology might have image artifacts that appear as colored streaks, especially in scenes showing bright objects on a dark background. Viewers sensitive to this "rainbow effect" could find it annoying.

Mega micros

Four Toshiba sets, all using DLP micro-display technology, topped our ratings. Two 62-inch models -- the 62HM196 (\$2,500) and the Cinema Series 62MX196 (\$2,900) -- are 1080p sets with fine detail and excellent picture quality. The Cinema Series 62MX196 has a few more features, while the 62HM196 has better sound. Two 56-inch, 720p Toshiba sets -- the 56HMX96 (\$2,300) and the 56HM66 (at \$1,800, it's a CR Best Buy) did almost as well in our tests. The 56HMX96 has more features than the 56HM66, including an Ethernet input port, useradjustable color controls, and a channel-guide menu.

If you think you might be turned off by rainbow effect from a DLP set, consider these two LCoS models from Sony: the 55-inch Grand Wega KDS-55A2000 (\$2,700) and the 60-inch Grand Wega KDS-60A2000 (\$3,000). Both are 1080p models with fine picture quality that's generally detailed and clear, though not quite as good as the top-rated Toshibas.

Extended protection

All our rated sets carry a one-year warranty on parts and labor. Our survey data show that micro-displays have been more repair-prone than other TVs in their first year or two. Also, rear-projection TVs require periodic lamp replacement (a special bulb creates the light necessary to project an image onto the rear of the screen), which costs about \$200 to \$350. Because of this, you may want to consider buying an extended warranty with your new set. We suggest paying no more than the cost of one bulb or 15 percent of the TV's price, whichever is



Warm up to a big bowl of beef stew

If the word "stew" conjures up thoughts of grayish cafeteria food, it's possible you and I went to the same elementary school. Thankfully, those memories faded for me once I learned how to prepare a beef stew that is so flavorful and visually pleasing that I am proud to serve it to company. And here's a bonus: Beef stew is the frugal cook's dream come true because the ingredients are cheap.

Years ago, I was a guest on HGTV with Christopher Kimball, founder of Cook's Illustrated magazine and host of PBS' "America's Test Kitchen." Several weeks later, a copy of his then-new cookbook, "The Best Recipe" (Boston Common Press, 1999), showed up in the mail, much to my surprise and delight. I have learned more about how to cook from this single cookbook than from all the others I own.

Making the best beef stew begins with the type of meat you select, the temperature at which you cook the meat, the type of liquid in which it cooks and that important waiting period before consumption.

The best beef for stew is a chuck roast you cut up at home. It's cheaper than precut meat and more flavorful than round or other cuts of meat that typically end up in the precut "stew meat" packages.

The best liquid for making beef stew is canned chicken broth or stock -- not beef. And stew is best when made a day ahead and given a night in the refrigerator to allow flavors to marry.

Beef Stew

- 1-1/2 teaspoons salt
- 1 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 3 pounds beef chuck, cut into 1-1/2-inch cubes 3 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 2 medium-large onions, chopped coarsely
- 3 medium garlic cloves, minced
- 3 tablespoons flour 1 cup red wine
- 2 cups canned chicken stock or broth
- 2 bay leaves
- 1 teaspoon dried thyme 4 medium boiling potatoes, cut into 1-inch cubes
- 4 large carrots, peeled and sliced 1/4-inch thick
- 1 cup (about 6 ounces) frozen peas, thawed
- 1/4 cup minced fresh parsley leaves

Heat oven to 250 F. Add salt and pepper to beef cubes and toss to coat. Brown the meat in the vegetable oil in a large Dutch oven over medium-high heat. Remove meat and set aside. Add onions to Dutch oven and saute until soft, 4 to 5 minutes. Stir in garlic. Stir in flour and cook until lightly colored. Add wine and mix thoroughly, scraping up brown bits from bottom of the pan. Add stock, bay leaves and thyme. Bring to simmer but do not allow to boil. Cover and place pot in oven. Cook for 1 hour.

and return to oven, cooking just until the meat is tender -- about 1-1/2 to 2 hours for beef. Remove pot from oven. (At this point, you can cool and keep in refrigerator for up to three days, reheating on the stovetop.)

Remove pot from oven and add potatoes and carrots. Cover

Add peas, cover, and allow to stand for 5 minutes. Stir in parsley, discard bay leaves, adjust seasonings and serve. Yield: 6 to 8 servings.

Source: "The Best Recipe," by the editors of Cook's Illustrated (Boston Commons Press, 1999).

Mary Hunt is the founder and publisher of Debt-Proof Living newsletter and Debt-Proof Living Web site (www.debt-proofliving.com). You can e-mail tips or questions to cheap-skate@unitedmedia.com or mail to Everyday Cheapskate, P.O. Box 2135 Paramount, CA 90723. All correspondence becomes the property of Debt-Proof Living.

Getaways a lifestyle but not a secure investment

Q: I am interested in purchasing a unit in a "condominium hotel" located within a golf community. It is minutes away from a ski resort too, so I figure it will truly be a four-season vacation destination for me. The hotel can rent out my unit short-term to vacationers if I wish. Have you heard of these types of investments? Is this a good idea to consider, or is this similar to a time-share, where owners have problems selling units? The prices are not cheap, so I want to make sure that this is a decent move for me to make.

A: Do not consider this as an investment. You're making a lifestyle choice: If you ever enjoy any liquidity or increase in value, consider yourself lucky, not smart. Buy a unit only if you want to vacation at the same place and at the same time every year, if you can afford it, and if you don't mind giving up the money involved -- even if you never go back to that place again.

The alternative is to do what vacationers have always done: Rent hotel rooms or houses when you travel (or mooch off relatives who live in vacation destinations). Many people have grown to dislike the hotel scene: Quality is uncertain, and there's no permanence. When you buy into the kind of deal you describe, you typically get a residence larger than merely a hotel room. Multiple bedrooms, a full kitchen, and laundry room are appealing. In some cases, you can decorate as you wish, and all the offerings enable you to enjoy the familiarity of returning to the same location each year. That removes much of the stress often associated with vacationing.

The downside? The location might fail to maintain its quality, you might become bored with it, or your life might change in ways that prevent you from returning to it - making the "investment" a waste of



Truth about money
By Ric Edelman

money. Still, such purchases are popular. Timeshares were the first offering, but they now compete with fractional ownership programs and vacation clubs. Evaluate all these programs as lifestyle ideas, not investment opportunities. Frankly, as the owner of both a fractional program and vacation-club membership, I like these things. But I don't consider them to be investments.

Q: I have a question about financial planning versus estate planning. My wife and I are in our mid-40s, and we are trying to figure out the order of things. Do we first go to an estate attorney or to a financial planner?

A: See them concurrently. The attorney needs financial information that is best provided by the planner. And certain recommendations from the planner are best coordinated with the attorney. This is why we routinely work alongside our clients' attorneys. We're happy to work with any lawyer, but most of our clients don't have one, so we offer our clients a referral list of attorneys. The lawyers on our list limit their practices to estate planning, and they are well skilled and experienced in this area of the law. Also, we know them well, which enables us and them to work effectively on behalf of our mutual client. Any planner should offer the same service.

Q: I took \$20,000 out of my IRA, planning on returning the money in less than 60 days. The financial institution gave me the money by check as a distribution instead of

a transfer, but they did not withhold any taxes. Isn't this check a transfer? Can I still put the money back without owing a penalty or taxes?

A: The financial institution handled the transaction correctly. It sent the money to you, making it a distribution. If you return the money within 60 days, you will not owe taxes or be assessed an IRS penalty. A "transfer" occurs when your IRA custodian sends your money directly to another custodian.

I'm not surprised that you're confused, for the rules are complicated. Here's the rundown: When you place money into an IRA, it's called a contribution. When you withdraw money from your IRA for personal purposes, it's called a distribution. When you move money from one IRA to another (a transfer), it's called a rollover. And you can execute a rollover in two ways: It's a rollover when the IRA custodian sends you the money and you forward it to the new IRA custodian (you have 60 days to do this, and you can do it once every 12 months). The rollover is called a transfer when the money goes directly from custodian to custodian (this can be done as often as you

When you roll over or transfer into a similar retirement vehicle, no tax withholding occurs. But with distributions to yourself, you must specify whether or not taxes should be withheld. So, you can roll over your rollover, or you can transfer your rollover.

Financial Adviser Ric Edelman is the author of several best-selling books about personal finance, including "Ordinary People, Extraordinary Wealth" and "Discover the Wealth Within You." You can e-mail him at money@ricedelman.com.

Risk, reward go hand in hand when it comes to investments

DEAR BRUCE: At present, I have quite a bit of money in a platinum checking account at 1.3 percent. Is there any way I can get a better interest rate (secured)? -- Reader, via e-mail

DEAR READER: Your last word changed your question rather dramatically. There are lots of ways -- corporate bonds, government bonds, etc. -- where you can double or triple this percentage but, as in any case, there is a downside. In the case of the bonds, if you had to sell them before maturity and interest rates rise, you are very likely to be penalized on your principal. Corporate bonds can go bad, but risk and reward are definitely handmaidens. I believe, with just a modicum of risk, you could do considerably better. Bear in mind there's a great deal of speculation and interest rates are going to rise, although not enough in the short term to make any difference in the answer I'm giving you.

DEAR BRUCE: Can you offer some suggestions as to how we can turn our investments into an income stream and protect our principal? CDs and money markets aren't producing enough interest for us at this time. We have \$160,000 in IRAs and a \$55,000 401(k), all stock-driven mutual funds. We have enough income for our day-to-day expenses, but we would like to travel more and generate extra income for this while leaving the principal. We are mortgage free and have minimal monthly debt. Our monthly income from Social Security



SMART MONEY
BY BRUCE WILLIAMS

and a pension is about \$4,500. -- Reader, via

DEAR READER: Your question is very common, one I receive over and over again, without a strong acceptable answer in today's world. You want income with no risk, and that just isn't available. You have to decide whether or not the income is important enough to you to take a degree of risk. There are mutual funds that are doing well and, of course, if you are not prepared even to take that moderate amount of risk, you might want to consider corporate bonds.

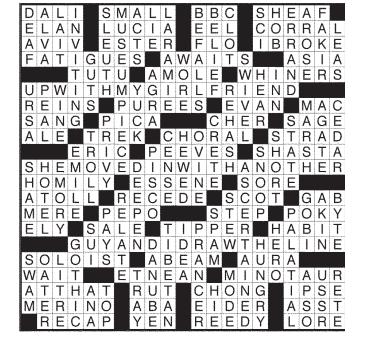
As long as you are not going to look at recovering your principal until maturity, the market value is of no import. You're still going to get a sub-5 percent return. Until such time as you are prepared to take a moderate-to-fair degree of risk, you are condemned to a very low return. That's just the way it is in today's world.

DEAR BRUCE: My husband and I are native Californians. We have been thinking about our retirement in several years and are very concerned about retiring in this very expensive state. We would like to look into

purchasing a home or property in another state that is a more economical place for our retirement years, but we don't know where to begin. Can you give us some guidance on this subject? - Reader, via e-mail

DEAR READER: Many people retire and move to areas where the cost of living, including but not limited to shelter, insurance, etc., is considerably less than some of the high-cost areas like New York and California. That said, there are many variables to be considered, and economics is but one of these. For example, if you are accustomed to a temperate climate, it's unlikely that northern Alaska would be attractive to you no matter how economical the living might seem to be. As to the research, you can look on the Internet and find all manner of information. Every state has a publicrelations department that will be very happy to provide you with details about the amenities available there, including taxes, cost of living, cost of housing, etc. As soon as you start to think about outside the United States, you add a very important facet to this idea you're polishing. You must consider relative safety, stability of the government, tax implications, as well as climate and other variables. You guys have plenty of time to do the research, and you could make it game. When you find an area that looks attractive, why not consider spending a portion of your vacation there? If nothing else, it could be a great hobby.

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2-18/07

Notice of a Public Hearing NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ukiah Valley Sanitation District Board of Directors will conduct a Public Hearing on Wednesday, February 28, 2007, at 2:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard in the Board of Supervisors Chambers, located at 501 Low Gap Road, Ukiah, California, for the purpose of implementing a \$50 fee for a pri-

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Sanitation District Ordinance No 29. All interested parties are invited to attend and be heard at the time and date noted above.

Copies of the proposed fee schedule are available for review in the office of the Clerk of the Board, 501 Low Gap Road, Room 1090, Ukiah, California. For further information, call 463-4221.

KRISTI FURMAN Clerk of the Board/District Secretary

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Notice to Creditors SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY MENDOCINO,

SCUK CVPB 07-24982 In re the THE WILLIAM L. BITTENBENDER TRUST CREATED JANUARY 7, 1999 BY WILLIAM **BITTENBENDER**, Decedent

NOTICE TO CREDITORS [Probate Code Section 19050]

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the creditors and contingent creditors of the above-named decedent that all persons having claims against the decedent are required to file them with the Superior Court, at 100 North State Street, Ukiah, California 95482, and mail or deliver a copy to MYRNA L. OGLESBY, as Trustee of the trust dated January 7, 1999, as amended on January 12, 2007, of which the decedent was the settlor, within the later of four (4) months after the February 14, 2007, or, if notice is mailed or personally delivered to you, thirty (30) days after the date this notice is mailed or personally delivered to you, or you must petition to file a late claim as provided in Code Section 19103 of the Probate Code. A claim form may be obtained from the court clerk. For your protection, you are encouraged to file your claim by certified mail, with return receipt requested. Dated: February 6, 2007

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2-18/07 **NOTICE OF HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the city of Ukiah, California will hold a public hearing regarding:

Major Use permit No. 06-33, as submitted by Beacom Construction Company, to allow the establishment and operation of a fueling station with three pumps and a canopy cover on the northeast corner of the .52-acre parcel, which is now developed with a 2,600 square foot mini-mart retail store. The canopy would cover 2,000 square feet of the site, with underground fuel tanks installed south of the pumps and improved driveways and perimeter landscaping installed along both abutting street frontages. The project is located at 795 East Perkins Street (APN 179-061-26), on the southwest corner of its intersection with Oak Manor Drive.

This hearing will be held on Wednesday, February 28, 2007, at 6:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as practical, in the Council Chambers of the Ukiah Civic Center, 300 Seminary Avenue, Ukiah, California. Planning Commission actions will be limited to a review of the project and the submittal of recommendations to the City Council. Please pass this notice on to your neighbors,

friends, or other interested parties. you are encouraged to discuss this project with, and express any view you may have, or request additional information from the City Planning Department by contracting Associate Planner Dave Lohse at 300 Seminary Avenue, Ukiah, California, during regular business hours, Monday through Friday. /s/CHARLEY STUMP PLANNING DIRECTOR

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the content of the environmental analysis. Should any party wish to challenge the adoption of an EIR for this project in court, you may be limited to only those issues or objections formally raised during the review period and delivered to the Lead Agency. Other public agencies may need to use this

proval for the project. MILL CREEK PROJECT, MENDOCINO COUNTY Project Title: Lead Agency: County of Mendocino

County Counsel Office Administration Center 501 Low Gap Road, Room 1030 Ukiah, CA 95482

PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION Approximately 95 years ago, the State of California constructed three

dams within a one-mile stretch of Mill Creek to provide a water supply for the State Hospital in Ukiah. The three dams are located in the Talmage area on Mill Creek, tributary to the Russian River. In the 1970s, the hospital closed, and the dams were turned over to Mendocino County with the condition that the area would be kept for recreational purposes for at least 25 years. The Upper Dam created a small reservoir (85 acre-feet) that has been used by the community since construction primarily as a recreational facility. There is a County park at the reservoir (Mill Creek Park), and the Department of Fish and Game (DFG) stocked the reservoir with fish.

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A

DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

REPORT AND EXTENSION OF TIME

FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

The County of Mendocino is the Lead Agency and has prepared an

Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the project identified below.

We need to know the views of you or your agency/organization as to

In December 2004, the base gate valve stuck open, and water drained from the reservoir and released a substantial amount of sediment into Mill Creek between the Upper Dam and the Middle Dam. In fall 2005, the County installed a standpipe to act as a temporary water and sediment control system. Winter storms at the end of 2005 moved the released sediment into the reservoir area behind the Middle Dam and an adjacent landslide in spring 2006 did further damaged to habitat in the area.

The proposed project is to manage the Upper, Middle, and Lower Dams on Mill Creek and mitigate for the release of sediment into the creek in December 2004. The County is undertaking a comprehensive evaluation of the dams to determine what is to be done to restore the dams and habitat affected by the sediment release, including a determination of whether any of the dams should be removed, rehabilitated, or replaced. The Project is needed to resolve issues of reservoir operation, public safety, public use of the site for recreation and water supply, and environmental restoration of the area after the unplanned sediment release. Four alternatives are evaluated in addition

Alternative A represents all dam structures in place and restored reservoirs associated with both the Upper and Middle Dams. The Lower Dam would remain in its current condition, and would be aban-

doned in place. Alternative B is the same as Alternative A for the Upper and Middle Dams and Reservoirs. The Lower Dam would be removed, approximately 150 feet of creek channel and associated upland habitat in the inundation zone would be restored, and anadromous fish access restored to about 771 feet of Mill Creek from the Lower Dam site to the

Middle Dam. ' Under Alternative C, only the Upper Dam and Reservoir would be retained. The Upper Dam would be either rehabilitated or replaced. Approximately 2,929 feet of stream channel (from the Lower Dam to the Upper Dam) would be restored.

Under Alternative D. all three dams would be removed, and there would be no reservoirs. More than 6.156 feet of stream channel would be restored between the Lower Dam and the upper end of Mill Creek County Park.

The public comment period for the Mill Creek Project Draft EIR has been extended to March 2, 2007. Written comments must be received by the Mendocino County Water Agency at 890 North Bush Street, Ukiah, California (Attention: Mr. Roland Sanford, General Manager, Mendocino County Water Agency, 890 Bush Street, Ukiah, CA 95482, phone 707- 463- 4589, fax: 707- 463-4643) by no later than 5 p.m. on March 2, 2007. The Draft EIR and supporting documents are available for review by appointment between 9:00 am and 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday, at the address above and on the website: http://www.co.mendocino.ca.us/water/. The Draft EIR is also available for review locally at the Mendocino County Library and the County Office of Education.

2-16,17,18,19/07

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Mendocino County Planning Commission at its regular meeting on Thursday, March 15, 2007, at 9:00 a.m., to be held in the Board of Supervisors Chambers, County Administration Center, 501 Low Gap Road, Ukiah, California, will conduct a public hearing on the following project(s) at the time listed or as soon

thereafter as the item(s) may be heard. CASE#: UM 8-2000/2006

DATE FILED: 9/29/2006 OWNER: CHRISTOPHER & MELINDA

APPLICANT: METRO PCS AGENT: TELLE J. PRESLEY

REQUEST: Use Permit Modification to allow for the addition of three panel antennas and one microwave dish to an existing 55-foot high monopole.

LOCATION: Approximately 1.5 miles southwest of Ukiah, lying at the terminus of Oak Knoll Road (CR# 252), at the summit of Cleland Mountain, located at 1880 Oak Knoll Road: APN 157-130-05.

PROJECT COORDINATOR: DUSTY DULEY

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The request has been processed through the County Environmental Review Process and it has been determined that the project is Categorically Exempt from environmental review. The staff report and notice are available for public review at 501 Low Gap Road, Room 1440, Ukiah, California and on the Department of Planning and Building Services website at www.co.mendocino.ca.us/planning

<http://www.co.mendocino.ca.us/planning> Your comments regarding the above project are invited. Written comments should be submitted to the Department of Planning and Building Services, at 501 Low Gap Road. Room 1440, Ukiah, California, 95482, no later than March 14, 2007. Oral comments may be presented to the Planning Commission during

the public hearing. The Planning Commission's action regarding this item shall be final unless appealed to the Board of Supervisors. The last day to file an appeal is the 10th day after the Planning Commission's decision. To file an appeal of the Planning Commission's decision, a written statement must be filed with the Clerk of the Board with a filing fee prior to the expiration of the above noted appeal period. If you challenge the project in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Department of Planning and Building Services or the Planning Commission at, or prior to, the public hearing. All persons are invited to appear and present testimony in

Additional information regarding the above noted item may be obtained by calling the Department of Planning and Building Services at 463-4281, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. through 5:00 p.m. Should you desire notification of the Planning Commission's decision you may do so by requesting notification in writing and providing a self-addressed stamped envelope to the Department of Planning and Building Services.

RAYMOND HALL, Secretary to the Planning

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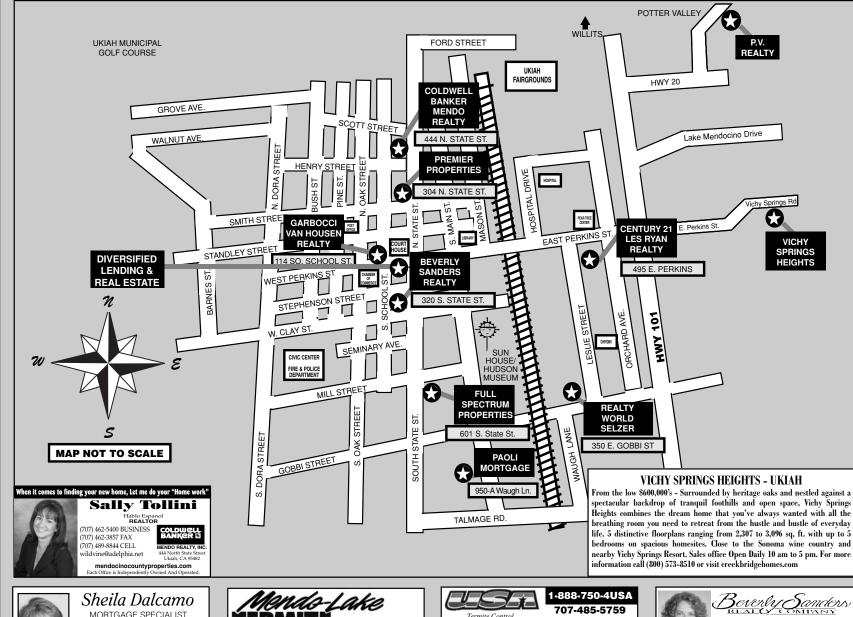
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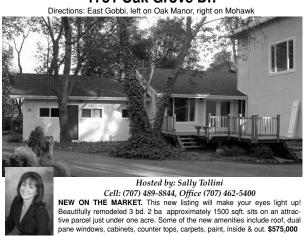
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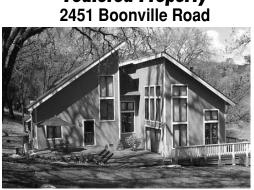
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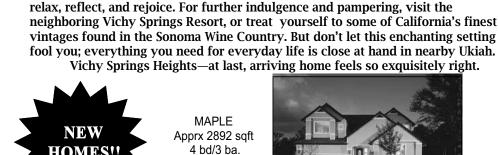
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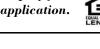
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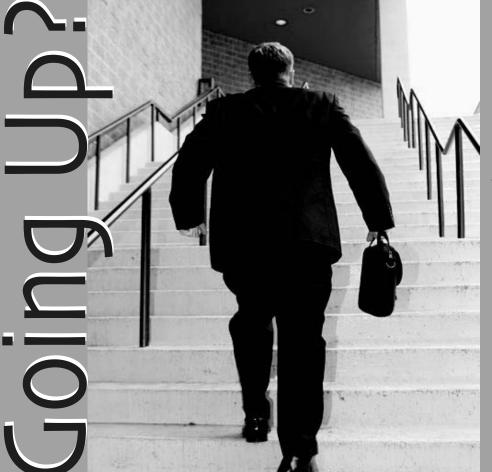
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